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Thos. A. Elmer

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Batticotta, Jaffna,
Ceylon, June 23rd 1900

The Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Congregational House
Beacon St. Boston, Mass U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Barton;

Twenty three days will complete the third year of my work in Jaffna when the three years for which I was originally engaged will also expire. These years have been for the most part happy years; and as the original plan of my engagement was that I was to stay on for sometime longer provided that my services proved satisfactory, and as I have consulted with Mr. Hastings on this point, I am content to remain for the present,

perhaps for a year, perhaps longer. Nevertheless it seems to me fitting that I should at this time tell you plainly what are my ambitions as to my permanent life-work. These three years of actual work in the world, after a long course of study at home have revealed to me much valuable knowledge of myself as to my capacities and fitness for certain kinds of work. I have been convinced that certain lines are laid down for each man, in his inner nature and outward circumstances, along which to develop a character, and that nobody has the universal field of possibilities to himself. I believe that it is through

his inner nature and outward circumstances, especially the former that lead reveals to a man the lines of activity which he must follow if he expects to do his duty or to have any real success or happiness in his life's work. I used to regard the field of possibilities for myself much larger than I do at present. Three years of actual life in the world have served to eliminate some ambitions which a better knowledge of my powers have shown to have been based on ignorance. I used to think that after spending sometime abroad I should come home & settle down as the pastor of some church; but it seems quite clear

to me now, that my fute
activities must lie alon
a continuation of the pat
way into which I have be
providentially led, namely
that I must make teachin
rather than preaching the
chief work of my life. I have
discovered that teaching alo
lines consistent with m
profession engages my f
powers more sincerely, r
honestly & truthfully than
~~that~~ pastoral or evangelistic
work do; and I am now sur
that I could do better work
for my Master in the
former than I could in t
latter kind of service. It
has become my ambition
therefore to continue the

work of teaching after leaving this place.

The subject in which I took my Master's degree at Princeton, and in which I was at the head of my class at Lafayette, namely philosophy and especially Logic and Ethics, fell to my lot to teach when I first came here and I have continued to teach these subjects to the B.A. class ever since I came, and all the boys that I have taught have passed the Calcutta B.A. on their first trial in these subjects. Besides this I have become intensely interested in the study of morals. After rubbing up against men

with different ideals and standards from our own. I have seen the subject on more sides than I ever imagined that I should. One of the things that has struck me most about Indian Christians is that their morality lags far behind their religion, and that they do not appear to appreciate at all the necessary connection between religion & morality. Most of them are apparently intensely and earnestly religious, but at the same time in very many cases flagrantly immoral if judged by the standards of Christian

ethics. What most of them need is not more faith but more truth; and I do not believe that any people in the world are exempted from this need. Unless religious faith has its basis in reality and has nothing but realities for its objects, and unless it serves to develop a character in accordance with the eternal principles of right and holiness, the less we have of such faith the better. It is not faith, it is superstition since its objects are unreal; and I am sure that no people in the world have a monopoly of superstition

especially in connection
with their religious creed
Altho Christianity, in itself
considered, is not a superst
but the greatest reality an
the greatest truth in the
world, yet human concept
and interpretations ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ of it are full
of superstition. One mu
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truth in a country li
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church at home is awak
ing to the fact that som
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they contradict the
most fundamental
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I have read and thought a great deal on the subject of morals since I come here, so that I have some idea of what men have thought & still think on the subject. Besides since the development of mankind is above everything else a moral development, I have been lead to read history especially the history of India & England to a large extent since I come here in order to get a better understanding of the facts and principles of morality. I have come to the conclusion that there is room for a lifetime of hard & useful labor in making clear the relation between religion & moral

development and in showing how the former may help the latter, and how we may cast off religious errors by judging of their usefulness or harmfulness in the formation of character, and how we may thus get nearer to Him who is "the way, the truth, and the life"

Since I first met you I have instinctively regarded you as my friend, because it was with your counsel and advice that I first entered upon the real business of life after leaving teachers and instructors and the influences of earlier years. I wish you would express your candid

opinion as to my ambition of entering upon the career of a college professor as two of my predecessors Messrs Sanders and Wood have done. As I said in the beginning of my letter I am willing to remain here any reasonable length of time; and then I wish to ask you what you think as to the prospects of my getting a place to teach in Turkey, Syria, Japan, China (if the Chinese are by that time teachable again) or America.

My wife thoroughly sympathizes with me in my ambitions and my work

Rev. Thos. A. Elmer

Battacotta, June 23, 1900.

and it is from her that I get
some of my strongest encourgem
to make the most of life. T
trustees are wise in gett
a new man here once in
four years or so. One remai
longer than that is lik
to get into ruts; and on
men in the most modern
latest and best trim a
fit to hold up the Standa
of western education amo
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of the Hindus.

Very Sincerely Your
Theodore A. Elme

Mr. Theodore A. Elmer

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Batticotta, Jaffna,
Ceylon, Oct 26th 1900

The Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Congregational House
Boston, Mass U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Barton,

I wish to express my grateful thanks for your very kind and sympathetic reply to my last letter. Somehow, I instinctively knew that you were my friend when I first met you, and I have never had the slightest doubt upon that subject since. Your knowledge of the affairs in which I am vitally interested peculiarly fits you to advise

one in my circumstances, and I assure you that your opinions and judgments as to my life's work have been and shall be treated with most careful consideration and respect.

I was gratified that you approve of the task which I have set for myself to perform. The more I study, and think, and wait, and work, the more I see in it. New visions of truth in morality and religion are slowly opening up which seem to me worthy of

the most earnest pursuit in order that they may be captured and put in tangible form and transmitted to others. The effect of religion upon character is a subject which is being inquired into more and more especially by the more educated classes in heathen countries. The heathen "in his blindness" already sees some things which the Christian missionary in his blindness fondly hoped that the poor heathen would be unable to see. He sees better

than we do sometime
the incongruity betwe
our religion and ou
national character. He
newspaper for three ye
past has contained
little else than acco
of wars, jealousies, an
strife between the
Christian nations them
and between them and
the heathen. The gentl
Hindu who will not
kill an ant of course
infers that in some
respects at least his
religion has given
a character to his
civilization which is
~~in~~ superior to Christian

civilization. Some students in the higher classes have observed in my presence that we have introduced the spirit of barter even into our religion in the doctrine of the atonement. I do not know a single native Christian who really believes in the substitution theory. They say that moral transactions cannot be done in the way that western Christian teachers so often represent. But the moral influence theory has powerful hold even on the Hindu mind, and I do not know but that many a native

Christian has penetrated further into the truth through this avenue than the missionaries often do. Some of the most distinguished natives say that our theology is a positive hinderance to us and that our character is our ~~chief~~ only recommendation. Character has more influence for righteousness in this country than the most enthusiastic preaching and teaching of our religion and the Bible: for both seem to them to be full of contradictions. Men

are what the world wants, and out this way it does not much care what was the name of the religion that made them. Some forms of truth have grown wild in their systems of thought which the peoples of the West do not see. If Christianity is a universal religion as we believe, then we must not be surprised if the heathen apprehend some aspects of its truth which we did not until we have lived with them. As you suggest, the effect of the ethnic

religions upon character is a subject worthy of the most careful investigation and study. I believe with you that this subject is eminently fitted for mission colleges but I also believe that it is also fitted for American institutions which are continuously sending into Asia men who look down with pity, if not with supercilious contempt upon the native who often sees the same truth from another ~~view~~ point more clearly than himself. This is not their fault. If

because of ignorance. They need to know how the Oriental thinks so that when they go among them they will not stir a prejudice against themselves which a whole lifetime cannot overcome.

It has become my settled purpose to make teaching my life-work. Your letter has confirmed me in this decision. I will soon be 29 years old and it is now time that the special line of activity for my life work should be definitely settled once for all.

there may be no reason why I should leave the Orient and come to the Occident unless I should receive some definite call thither. But I think you will see from what I have said above that there is a scope for my line of work in the smaller American denominational colleges which prepare a considerable number of students for the theological schools. I do not feel that that place in my future labors is in Jaffna college; altho I have been and am as

happy in my work here as any one could be I think. The reasons for this are partly because it was not my original purpose to remain here, and I gave my parents my solemn assurance that I would not do so. Our family is small. I have but one sister; and my parents who are getting along in years would like to have me nearer to them. But I do not propose to shirk my duty in any respect because of family considerations. There are

other reasons why I wish to leave Jaffna the principal one of which is that the field of work here is too narrow; and I do not see prospects of very great extension. There are five colleges in this little peninsula. Even if these were all developed to their utmost extent, not even the largest could ever become very large. It is all right to say that the superior advantage of Jaffna college over the others will gradually crowd the others out.

But neither the history
the past nor the prospects
the future at all point to
his result. There is
room for but one
ood college in Jaffna.
The peninsula is isolated
from both India and
the rest of Ceylon and
the prospects ~~from~~
drawing students from
utside of Jaffna are
xceeding small, as there
re already strong
olleges in Colombo &
Madras. Industries
are not developed here
to such an extent as
need the services of
many educated men. Those

who are now trained all emigrate to Colombo or Singapore in order to gain a livelihood. There is no demand for them here. The more ambitious and wealthy prefer to attend schools in the centers of more active life & civilization, as they have a better chance there to watch for chances of employment. I doubt if the completion of the rail way between Here & Colombo will cause an influx of students from the southern part of the island. The signs of

the times point to the fact that the tide will flow in the opposite direction. The situation of Jaffna is exceedingly unfortunate for its prosperity in the modern sense. It will always remain a kind of sleepy hollow place whose sons, who will remain more or less poor, will take advantage of the cheap education of the competing college and then emigrate to the larger centers. Even if Jaffna College could get a practical monopoly of Jaffna education, the

limits of the country are such that it could not grow much there being but 300000 population in the whole place. I believe that these colleges are fated to remain what they practically are at present auxiliary ~~[illegible]~~ mission institutions of a denominational and eleemosynary character. Such a field does not offer a broad enough prospect for a man who wishes to give his whole life and energy to teaching. These are the principal reasons why I do not see my

way clear to remain in Joffna
You mentioned the fact
that Robert College, at
Constantinople, is much
pendent upon its foreign
acultу. Both my wife
and I would be willing
go there. I have
carefully perused the
catalogue of that College
or 1899 and have dis-
covered that a single
college class there is
larger than our whole
college department, ex-
luding the entrance and
the preparatory classes.
The curriculum is on
the American plan as
is everything else

about the college. This I greatly prefer to the Indian university systems which are abortive attempts to ape the English universities. My wife is especially favorable to Constantinople as her family who are to leave Jaffna in three years will be permanently settled in England which would be easily accessible from there. Other members of the family are living in Paris which would be still more so. The problem of caring for ones own children would not be half so

vexing there as it is in India! I have read Mr Steade book Called, the "United States of Europe" in which he says that Robert College has had a greater influence on the Turkish Empire than any other force. Altogether it seems to me that work there would suit my ambitions. I have just read the whole of Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" and the account of the rise of the Turkish Empire upon the Ruins of the Roman is extremely interesting.

We are in no great hurry to leave Jaffna; and if an resonable hope of a prospect of a place at Robert College could be given us we would remain here until such a transfer could be conveniently made without looking for openings elsewhere. We should like when we leave here to visit all my relatives in America as my wife has never seen any of them and is of course anxious to see those who have become a part of her own family. She has not been in America since she was two years old.

Her school days were spent in England. Mrs Elmer extends her greetings to you, and says she feels as if she knew you altho she has not seen you. We hope that Mrs Barton, who Mrs Hastings told us was sick, has recovered.

I remain,
Very Sincerely Yours,
Theodore A. Elmer.

MAR 18 1901

Batticotta, Jaffna
Ceylon, Feb 12th 1901

The Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Congregational House,
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Barton:-

I thank you very much for writing to Dr. Washburn with regard to me & my thoughts and plans. I have not heard from him yet. I waited two or three weeks after I heard from you to see if I might hear from him direct as you suggested I might, and told him my resolve to devote my life to the work of teaching if circumstances would permit in the same way as I told you but much more briefly. There has not been time as yet for a reply.

I had not been planning definitely to leave Jaffna College next summer. It seems to me to be my plain duty to stick faithfully to the work at hand

until some broader field, such as I have written you about, is at least in sight. I had not thought of Pasumalai College as offering a wider field than Jaffna College. Mrs C Handler, who is Mrs Edwin's aunt, has invited us to visit them during our next holiday which begins the last of March. I may have an opportunity to see & learn more about the college then. So far as I know now I would be as willing to remain here as to go there, but would far prefer Constantinople to either place as a field for permanent efforts in the lines of work which I have described to you.

Mrs Elmer & I expect to make a tour of India during our next holiday, going north as far as Darjeeling and Agra. I have been reading all the books I could get on the religious & political history of India as a preparation for personal observation. The works of Sir Monier Williams seem

to be especially clear & accurate. He has suggested many ideas which have been helpful in my own line of study.

The day dream of my future plans is this: To leave Jaffna College as soon as some definite opening presents itself for future work, as soon as my place can be conveniently filled, then to proceed Eastward around the world studying & observing all that I can, stopping to pay a short visit to my relatives in California and my parents in New Jersey, & my wife's relatives in Canterbury & Paris ~~still~~ proceeding Eastward to Constantinople where I should hope to be a wiser & better man to settle down to a long period of hard & useful labor.

Yrs Very Sincerely
Theodore A. Elmer

Jaffna, Ceylon

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Batticotta, Jaffna,
Ceylon, March 12th 1901.

The Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Barton:-

I told you in my last letter that I had written to Dr. Washburn. To day I will enclose the brief reply which I have just received from him. This seems to cut off hope of any immediate opening at Robert College. I was unaware that Dr Washburn is an old man who held it possible that he might have to resign in two or three years. I see by the catalogue that he has at least one professor under him in his department. I hope Dr Washburn did not think that I was aspiring in any way to fill any part of his position, as I told him that I was willing to adjust myself to circumstances and to do most anything until the way should open for work in my own special line.

I know that old men are sometimes sensitive on this point.

In as much as you are expecting to visit Jaffna in the near future I thought that perhaps you might have in mind some young man to come out & take my place, and if so it might be pleasant for him to come along with you. I should be glad if he would, if you think there is as fair prospect for me to continue somewhere in my line of work in a year or two as I could spend a year or so in America with great profit; but I do not like to go away just yet without something definite in view. My wife & I hope to have a separate house of our own the next place we go. The Hitchcocks are as kind to us as it is possible to be under the circumstances, but it is not like being master of one's own house. Yrs very sincerely

Theodore A. Elmer.

To Prof. McClure

Kennedy Lodge.
Robert College.

Cousple Feby 14 1901

Dear Sir

I have just received your most interesting letter and I am very sorry that I have not time to answer it at length - as it deserves - but you must probably prefer an immediate answer to a long one -

I do not see any immediate prospect of an opening for you here. The department of Philosophy is in my hands and I do not intend to resign just yet, altho I am getting to be an old man - I have been 43 years in Constple. and may have to resign in 2 or 3 years -

I wish you all success in your work - wherever you may be.

Yours most sincerely

Geo Washburn

Theodore A. Elmer
5 Batticotta, Jaffna
Ceylon, July 18th 1901

Dear Dr. Barton,

I meant to ask you in regard to Mrs Elmer's passage to America next spring, but did not think of it before you left.

I wish to know what is in your mind on the subject of whether the college expects to pay any part of the expense of her passage or not. As I do not know what is just in this case

I do not make any requests. I will gladly abide by your decision; but as the settlement of this question will seriously affect my preparations for going home I should like to have it settled soon, in order that I may save up and borrow the necessary funds.

I hope you did not find the passage to Nagapatam too hard.

Yrs Sincerely

Theodore A. Elmer.

Rev. Theo. A. Elmer

MAY 14 1902

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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(ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP Co.)

S.S. NIPPON MARU.

Pacific Ocean,
Apr. 30th 1902

The Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton:-

We are now one day out from San Francisco whither we hope to arrive tommorow morning. We left Jaffna on the day when the Calcutta University Exams. began and sailed from Colombo on the 21st of March. We went ashore for one day at Penang, one day at Singapore, three days at Hong Kong, one day at Shanghai, one day at Nagasaki, one day at

Kobe, three days at Yokahama and Tokio and one day at Honolulu. We enjoyed our visit to all these places very much, and now we are about to hail our native land!

I wish to thank the trustees very much for paying so much of the expense of Mrs Elmer's passage to America. Their liberality exceeded my expectation. I did not receive any letter from you with regard to the matter before I left Jaffna, but Mr Hastings said that he received a letter from you after I had gone down to Colombo saying that the trustees had voted $50 towards our expenses home

He accordingly sent me the money at Colombo. We spent our last week while waiting for our steamer at the Garrett's C.M.S. missionaries in Kandy.

The whole voyage has been pleasant. We met 17 missionaries on the "König Albert" who were returning to their fields in China. Many of them had narrow escapes last year.

I do not know whether you wrote to me before I left Ceylon or not. (I may have left before your letter came). If not I would like to hear from you while I am in Oakland where we shall remain two weeks & perhaps three weeks. If you did write, the letter would have to be forwarded to my home & I should not get it for sometime yet. If you wish to talk with me about any kind of work in the

fetures in which you think I might be useful or in which I could help you in any way I will come around by Boston on my way home to see you.

I trust that my successor in Jaffna College has been found & that he is ready to start out now.

Our baby has been very well through all this long journey. She has slept every night through the whole night.

Oakland, Cal. May 9th 19

We have been here a week & one o[illegible] will start East next Wednesday. My time has been filled up giving missionary addresses. I gave an address on educational work in Mr Scudder's Ch. in Berkeley last Sunday. On Monday I attended the Congregational ministers Club in Francisco with Mr Scudder & heard Ament who takes the same steamer back to China which we came over. Dr Ament seemed to be in a state of great uncertainty about affairs in China.

We feel strong and well after our long sea voyage & stay in this Climate, and are quite ready to take up work again in Constantinople or in any place in this country or out of it where the climate would not be quite so hard on Mrs Elmer's health as it was in Ceylon.

Please address me at 419 South 18th st Quincy, Ill. c/o Mrs Wheeler

We shall be in Quincy & Chicago for about 10 days

Very sincerely yrs

Theodore G. Elmer

APR 12 1902

Rev: Theodore Allen Elmer. M. A.

Professor of Philosophy

Jaffna College.

Rev: and Dear Sir,

We the students of the Jaffna College, beg to approach you with mingled feelings of pain and gratitude on the eve of your departure from Jaffna to your native country, and your separation from the college where you have worthily filled the chair of Philosophy for a period of nearly five years with conspicuous ability.

We feel pain at the thought of separation from one who has endeared himself to us as a teacher in the highest sense of the word, and whose memory will ever live in our hearts with many remembrances of tender affection for his noble acts as *guide, philosopher, and friend*; and we feel gratitude for your tender and unremitting care and whole-hearted devotion for our education—intellectual, moral, and spiritual,—which has benefitted the college as a whole and the advancement of the students. We take this opportunity therefore in bidding your farewell, to give expression to our deep and heartfelt sense of gratitude, for your zeal and ability, uniform courtesy and loving care, during the five years you have been professor of this college.

We pray that God Almighty may bless Mrs. Elmer, your child, and yourself, with health, happiness, and long life, and may guide you with wisdom in the sphere of work you will choose for yourself in your native land, and that the light you possess may be profitably used in a greater and wider dissemination of knowledge and truth for the advancement of His Kingdom.

We beg to remain,

Rev: & Dear Sir,

Your affectionate students.

Jaffna College

Batticotta, 1st March 1902.

L. B. Fritts

Rec'd NOV 28 1905

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THE BRISTOL HOTEL,

Colombo, Ceylon.

Telegraphic Address:
BRISTOL, CEYLON.

Oct. 30-'05.

Ans'd DEC 5 1905

Dr James L Barton,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton:-

We arrived in Colombo
is morning. All of our
rty are well. Had a very
leasant voyage and strange
relate very little sea-
ickness. Mrs Fritts and
each missed one meal
our way out. Pretty
ood record we think for
r first voyage.

We expect to leave for
ffna tomorrow morning if
l goes well. We shall

stop at Chavalachery with Mr & Mrs Brown tomorrow night and arrive in Jaffna Wednesday.

At Naples we were compelled to pay the difference and purchase first class passage on the "Crontes." The 2d class was completely full and there was no chance to get out on another boat for a month. The difference amounted to $24.00.

This is a very busy day and also very hot so I shall not attempt to write a letter. Give my regards to the Secretaries & Mrs Baston.

Yours in Christ
Louis B. Fritts.

Louis B. Fritts

Colombo. Ceylon. Oct. 30-1905.

Rec'd FEB 16 1906

Vaddukkoddai Ceylon
Jan-15-'06.

Rec'd APR 4 1906

Dear Dr Baston:—

Your note was received a
ew days ago. Yes, I am hard
t work in the college. The
Sen. B. A. Class is reviewing
r the examination and I find
t exceedingly difficult to
onduct the class through the
ages of three subjects in
hilosophy with text-books that
re unfamiliar to me and which
hey have already covered in the
citation room. However I am
tanding it pretty well. Find the
limate delightful so far and
have not missed a meal since
riving in the island and only
e on the voyage.

Mrs Fritts has had a little
rouble in getting used to the
ative fruits but otherwise she

is getting along very well. As you probably know Mr Joseph has been called to the pastorate of the Church at this place. This has weakened our teaching force so that Mrs Fritts has taken the Jr. F. A. boys in English and I have added a bible class to my already full schedule. If Mrs Fritts gets along well she will probably relieve me of the extra class in a few weeks.

We have been and are delighted with the reports from Mr Bicknell. Hope that she and Mrs Bicknell may soon be able to return to the work here. In regard to their coming I should like to say that I firmly believe they should return to the college as we are very much in need of such a man as Mr B- to take charge of the College Bible Classes. I am trying to do this but no man without theological training is capable of teaching these college boys as they should be taught. Now if you can send both Mr B- & Mr Hastings back to the college don't hesitate to transfer me to some other work or recall me, even, if it should be necessary. A man well posted in theology and biblical literature is so badly needed that I feel it would be a mistake to keep me here if by so doing

the college is to be deprived
such a man. I believe I c
do some of the work here a
right and I enjoy it but
I am not prepared to do al
the work that Mr. Bicknell
can do. So I am at you
service, do with me as seem
best to you.

The college boys are a splend
lot of fellows taken all in
all and we are expecting
send a gratifying report aft
the Calcutta examination in
March.

Mrs Fritts has a class of
young ladies that come to the mi
house for a Sunday School Less
while the boys have Sunday S
in the church. One of these young
ladies has taken a great fancy
to her and has ~~flourished~~ loaned h

native costume in which she
as had a photograph made.
o you have no picture of
o Fritts I send you one of
ese herewith. It will serve
show the dress of a well-to-
Tamil married lady. The
welry is also interesting as
he is wearing the heavy gold
racelets and the sovereign neck-
ce to say nothing of numerous
ngs and chains with which the
mil ladies frequently adorn them-
lves.

All in the mission are
ell as far as I know. Mr
and plans to leave about
eb. 20th. We shall feel
is loss very much. He is
ery popular and a man whose
place it will be difficult to
fill. Send him back if you

con. He is the life of the school in athletic and literary work. With best wishes for the New Year both to yourself and the Board I remain yours for service -

Louis B. Fritts.

Louis B. Fritts

Football Captain - Coylon.

Jan. 15 - 1906.

Vaddukoddai, Ceylon - 10
Aug. 1st - 1906.

Dr James L. Barton,
Boston Mass.

Rec'd SEP 9 1906

Ans'd SEP - 5 1906

Dear Dr Barton: -

I have not forgotten my promise to write occasionally although you might infer that I had from my long silence. So many seemingly imperative duties have been crowding upon me that this duty has been neglected. Of course you hear from me indirectly through Mr Hitchcock and the Mission Sec. but I am sure you are always pleased to hear from each of your workers personally.

First of all I wish to say that both Mrs Fritts and myself are enjoying fairly good health - better in fact than we were last year at this time. I have not been exactly well all the time but I have only missed one recitation for reasons of health since joining the college last November. My eyes have given me quite serious trouble - making it next to impossible for me to study by lamp light but

I have managed to get along thus far and am now having less trouble than a few weeks ago.

I am getting along with my teaching as well as I expected. My work in Philosophy is getting easier and I should thoroughly enjoy it if I could only study as I have been accustomed to do in the past. Ten of our thirteen candidates for the B.A. passed in Philosophy but of course most of the honor for this exceptionally good result belongs to Mr Bicknell as I only had the Class for five months. This year I am sorry to say we shall send in but one B.A. Candidate in Philosophy. we have five in the class but only one is taking up Philosophy in Dec. Three of the others expect to return next year to take up this part of their work.

The college is facing a crisis in my opinion. I am sorry to say it but the general impression that prevails even among our own teachers is that the college is falling into disrepute. I think our small attendance is partly due to other reasons but there is certainly a tendency among both students and parents to forsake Vaddukoddai for the larger centers. The great cry is that they get better advantages in English by coming in contact with the larger English-speaking communities. The R.R. has made quite a difference and we must now compete not only with the Wesleyan College in town but with Colombo and other outside centers.

There is just now renewed efforts to form a

Union College. A meeting was held last week, attended by nearly all the missionaries in Jaffna and there was but one dissenting vote against the desirability of a Union College However nothing can be done until the Jaffna College directors make a proposition as the others colleges say they have been turned down by the Jaffna Board in the past and refuse to again take the initiative.

Personally I feel strongly that three possible courses are open to Jaffna College: First, and most desirable to enter into the scheme for a strong union college Second: to adapt an aggressive forward policy, put in a lot of money and effort so as to attract students and Third:- continue the present policy, drop to a second class college and by and by even

o a third class school or
ie.
Now if the Union College
ails, and I must say it is
doubtful proposition, then
should say by all means
t us go in to win. Jaffna
llege stands for certain ideals
at are higher I am sure
an any other college in Jaffna
nbodies. But in order to live
d compete with the Central and
indoo colleges we must have
rtain material improvements and
strong aggressive management.
I may be pardoned I should
ke to suggest the following
the most imperative material
ds of the college:—
1- A new building for library
and laboratory with wind-
mill and tank to supply
running water for the labor-
atory.

(2). A convenient play-ground large enough to meet the needs of the students for an athletic field.

(3)- New desks, blackboards and other furniture

(4)- A staff of teachers large enough to offer prospective students some choice of subjects in F. A. and B. A. classes.

I could mention other items but these are the most imperative. Now it will take money to get these things and it will take money to start a union college but we must do one or the other or gradually decay.

University and it appeals to me as the most economical and desirable plan for effective education in Jaffna.

We are all anxiously awaiting Mr Hastings' decision. We are managing as best we can with out him. Mrs Fritts has two classes in English and Mrs Hitchcock has a class in Bible yet with their help we are all trying to teach more classes than we ought to attempt. I have five a day all in different subjects so that it makes it impossible for me to do my best work in Philosophy. However we can only wait and hope for better times to comes.

Remember me please to Mr Hicks and the other Secretaries and let us know of any new developments.

Yours Very Truly,

Louis B. Fritts.

Louis B. Fritts

Vaddukoddai, Ceylon — Aug. 1. 1906

C'd JAN 4 1906
rd after Jan 23rd Trustee's meeting

Vaddukoddai, Ceylon
Louis P. Fritts
Dec 6 - 06.

Dear Dr Barton or Successor -

I address this letter in this way because I am not sure of the date of Dr Barton's departure for the East but think will probably be gone before this reaches America.

I have delayed writing in the hope that we should have some definite word concerning Mr Bickwell but nothing has yet come to us. As the Board of Trustees of Jaffna College has its annual meeting in January I could not delay longer if I am to have a request considered which I am about to make. If this should come in other hands than those of Dr Barton I ask that my request be presented to the Board at its annual

meeting.

Since arriving at Jaffna College we have been using the furniture of Rev. R. C. Hastings who very kindly offered us free use of anything we needed. Now, however, Mr Hastings has resigned and his furniture is to be sold or otherwise disposed of so that we must make other arrangements. Mrs Fritts and I came thinking that if we boarded, as we had been advised to do, we should have furnished rooms but the college has a very meagre supply as the list below will show. These are the articles the college furnishes us and Mrs Hitchcock can spare no more for us:-

Two beds with mattresses.
One study table & desk chair.
" Veranda chair & four straight-backed chairs.
Two small tables
Two almirahs.

As is well known to you all I am getting a smaller salary than any married man has ever received in Jaffna College and to buy furniture out of it is simply out of the question if we are to safeguard our health. We are perfectly willing to try to get along without a horse and bandy and other conveniences that the missionaries have but to ask us to get along without a bureau, dresser, lounge,

rocker, bookcases, etc. seem
to us too much. We also
find that it would be more
convenient and economical of
time if not money, to keep
house and we could do so
with but little extra expense
as we could have an present
servant do most of the work.
But in order to do this and
have anything like an adequate
amount of furniture we must
invest $75. to $100. Now I am
going to ask the Board to give
us $50 or $75. if they do not
see fit to raise my salary
to put into needed furniture.
We feel that this is not
asking too much and I am
make this request after con-
sulting with Mr Hitchcock
and Dr Scott. I am not

mindful of the kindness
the Board in permitting me
bring Mrs Pitts with me and
~~at~~ I do not wish to complain.
e shall try to get along on
hat you see fit to give us
at I think this is a reasona-
le request and we are willing
pass the furniture on to an
ccessor if the Board does
ot care to give it to us
ut right.

We are now in the
idst of examinations. We
re sending up twenty-four
andidates to the various ex-
minations - 5 for B. A.
for F. A. 3 for Madras
atriculation and 7 for
he Cambridge Junior Local.
We hope to have a good
ercentage of passes.

you will be pleased to know that five of our boys have recently united with the church and several more are awaiting Baptism in January.

The canvass for the local endowment of an extra Rs 10.000 is progressing favorably - the 10000 is almost subscribed but we hope to raise it to 15.000 or even 20.000 in a few months.

Hoping to hear that Mr Bicknell is returning to us soon and asking for your prayers that we may be used in the Master's Service - I am

Yours [illegible]

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Rec'd OCT 14 1907

N. 16

Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai.
Ceylon.
Sept. 17-1907.

Dear Dr Baston:-

You will, I feel sure, pardon me for this intrusion upon your time but I feel that I must write you to get a point or two settled, matters of no general interest but of considerable importance to me.

Last January Dr Daniels wrote that in accordance with my request the Board of Trustees of Jaffna College voted to allow us a hundred dollars for purchasing furniture. Acting upon this information, and even in anticipation of it we bought what furniture was absolutely necessary. However five months have gone by and no intimation has come either to Mr Hitchcock or to the Mission Treasurer to pay us the money so that we have not yet received it and in view of the expenses of our trip to Kodaikanal and our rather small salary we can ill afford to furnish our rooms. We should also like to know whether this money was intended to be given to us outright or whether the furniture so purchased is the property of the College. Please inform us on this point and oblige

why the money has not been sent.

Both Mrs F. and myself have been enjoying fair health since our trip to Kodaikan The rest up there did wonders for me I have felt quite like my former self since our return and have been able to work to better advantage.

By the way our term here will soon come to a close. Two of the three years will be gone by the time you answer this. What do you intend to do with us? At present it seems a little early to ask such a pointed question, but it is quite impossible for us to continue here under the present arrangement beyond our original contract As I have before stated, the college must unite with the other missions to form a Union College, or adopt a strong, aggressive forward policy which will make ~~the~~ it the leading institution of this province at least, or in a few years cease to be. I might stay either under the 1st or 2nd alternative for a longer period but I cannot afford to give my best years to a failing institution unless

there be ground for hope that it may be saved. Dr Scott and a few others are putting forth every effort to raise the endowment, but as you will see from the "Miscellany" it is exceedingly slow work. There is scarcely any hope that the total amount will be paid in by Jan. 1st and unless we get it and the money from America the college will indeed be in hard lines financially. Of course we cannot say what will happen in a year's time but I thought it might be well to begin to look ahead. My private opinion is that if you can keep three men in the college - one of them should by all means be a man with theological training, one should be a strong Y. M. C. A. man, preferably unmarried, who can live close to the boys. I have in mind such a man who would be ideal for this place - Mr J. H. Dadisman, Student Sec. Y. M. C. A. Topeka, Kansas. I would suggest that you might write to him as my possible successor.

Hoping that you had a pleasant journey

through the Orient and that you found God
Kingdom coming in power I remain
yours Truly,
Louis B. Fritts.

Fairhaddai - Ceylon Sept. 17-1904.

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Louis B. Fritto
Madai Kanal
South India
May 10-'08.

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ames L Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

ear Dr Barton:—

A friend and class-
te of mine has written me
lative to work in Jaffna
allege. He is not espe-
lly anxious to come here
t unless the Y. M. C. A.
n gives him an opening
China he could be
cured. He is at
esent a Rhodes scholar
Oxford and expects
finish his course in
alogy next month. He

is a splendid all around man - a fine scholar, a good athlete and earnest Christian. He was a student volunteer in College and still has his heart set on work in the foreign field. He is just the man to have in training for the future president of our Union College if that materializes. If that is not accomplished we need him in Jaffna College, as an Oxford-trained man and a Rhodes scholar at that would add considerable to our prestige.

Mr Hitchcock thinks as I do about the matter and if you agree will you enter into correspondence at once with the gentleman? Address - Frank M. Mohler, St. John's College, Oxford, England.

We have heard nothing recently from Mr Brown but expect him soon. We leave Kodaikanal on the 19th inst. All are well and feel much refreshed by the stay here.

I suppose you have heard of our

success in the Cambridge
Locals examinations in
Junior examination we sent
in 12 candidates and passed
100 %, leading all the schools
and colleges in Ceylon.
One of our boys has just
passed the Government
Apothecaries examination
competition with candidates from
Royal and other colleges
in Jaffna and Colombo and
takes 2d place, the first
place going to a man 27
years old who had had
much private coaching.

Cordially Yours
Louis B. Fritto

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Manepay Jaffna, Ceylon
June 22/'08

Rev J.L.Barton D.D.
Sec Foreign Board of Trustees of Jaffna College
Boston

Dear Dr Barton

At a not very recent meeting the Mission directed me to write to you our appreciation of Mr & Mrs L.B.Fritts. It is with great pleasure, altho a delayed pleasure, that I write if haply I may correct what appears to us to be your imperfect valuation of him and his work.

It is true that the work that Mr Fritts was put to on arriving here Nov. '05 was hard for him. It was not only new work, but advanced work, in philosophy and allied branches. He found himself faced with a very difficult proposition. To add to his difficulty his eyes were not strong enough to enable him to do all the reading that was required of him in preparation. (You know, of course, that he was not in robust health when he came)

However he took hold uncomplainingly and perseveringly. When his eyes tired, Mrs Fritts read to him. He determined to make himself able to meet his classes, and he succeeded. To-day he has his class work well in hand.

Apart from his class work he has won a very high place in the esteem of the boys. I think I can safely say that none of the tutors have held a greater in my experience. He is socially inclined and he has touched the boys on that side most helpfully. His deep sympathy has made them love him. At the same time his place as teacher has never been lost but he has maintained his class discipline admirably.

In Christian character he has been a splendid example to the boys. Deeply interested in their spiritual difficulties he has helped many of them over hard places. The advanced Bible class found in him one who would manfully face their difficulties with them, and help them to a solution tho it meant for him and them hours of hard study.

He is at the same time an intimate friend of every member of the mission. He has by invitation attended our meetings frequently and has shown throughout the true missionary spirit. He has been most sympathetic and interested in our problems, and has never withheld his hand when he has been able to offer any help

In these two and a half years his health has improved much. Mrs Fritts has been a true helpmeet to him and a friend to us all.

Under these circumstances we think it would be a great loss if the College is not able to retain his services for some time longer. This is especially true when Mr Brown is facing the future with his hands somewhat tied by the exigencies of the mission work.

In all the above, while Mr Fritts has not sought it, he has been willing that we should set our appreciation of him before you.

In what is to follow I am sure he will demur. We have all felt that his remuneration was insufficient. By dint of the most exacting economy, I believe he has kept free from debt. But his valuable services for these two years and more when he and Mr Hitchcock have been the only foreign professors on the staff have demanded more for him. At a salary one fifth less than his predecessor he has worked on nor has he let us feel that he was not fairly dealt with. I do not mean that this is not according to agreement. But when no new principal was found and he was carrying a heavy part of the work, it was only fair that he should have been rewarded accordingly. I am sure it is not from unwillingness, but the fault has been ours that we did not speak for him. When we set the financial position of Mrs & Mrs Hitchcock before you you at once met it fully. I have every confidence that you will respond to this also.

In my opinion they should be paid arrears at the rate of $200 per annum for these three years. I hope you can do it for they are well worth it to the college and the work.

I am sure Mr & Mrs Fritts will willingly listen to suggestions from you that they should remain a year or two longer. If their health improves as it has done in these two years and upwards I am not sure but that we could recommend them to a permanent appointment to the mission after he has had a theological training

Let me say again that this has not been solicited but is the spontaneous and unanimous and hearty feeling of our whole mission circle towards our friends Mr & Mrs L.B.Fritts.

I should have mentioned that in addition to his regular class work he has found time to write his thesis for his M.A. and he is waiting to hear that it has been granted by his alma mater, in which we all wish him success.

Hoping that you will not take our advice amiss, or rather hoping that you will not look upon this as advice but rather our humble suggestion

I remain Yours Sincerely

Thos B Scott
Sec. A.B.M.

JUL 23 1908

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Jaffna College.
Vaddukoddai,
Ceylon.
June 23d 1908.

Dear Dr Barton:-

A recent letter to Mr Brown informs us that you have secured a good man for Jaffna College in the person of Mr H. C. York. We are all very glad to hear that you have secured a man so well qualified for the place as Mr York seems to be and we are congratulating ourselves on his appointment.

Presumably Dr York is appointed to take my place so I suppose you will expect us to return to America at an early date, but as we are a little uncertain as to your exact intentions regarding ourselves I am writing this for information. As you know it is hardly safe to go from this climate to America in the middle of the winter and as our 3 years are not finished until Nov. 1st we had expected to stay here until next spring. However, if it is your desire that we should return this autumn we will try to do so, only in that case we should like early information so that we could

P. S. - Please understand that we are willing to stay here or return just as the need and circumstances demand. I think our personal welfare would hardly allow us to remain longer than next year but we are quite willing to remain until spring.

start in September. If it is your plan to have us leave at that time will you, upon the receipt of this, cable us the one word "come". Address: Fritts Vaddukoddai. Also, if such are your plans for us will you please notify Mrs M. J. Goss, Plainwell, Mich so that she will not make certain purchases which we had ordered.

We are very glad to have Mr Brown with us and I am glad to inform you that he has been well received by the teachers and students.

I hope that you saw Mr Mohlenie while in England and that you have secured him for work in Ceylon; if in the College he would do well in charge of the educational work of the mission.

This leaves all in the mission well I believe and I trust that it may find you and your associates in the work full of strength and vigor and meeting with abundant success in your work - and ours - of bringing in the Kingdom.

Cordially, Louis B. Fritts.

Vaddukoddai-Ceylon June 23-1908.

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JAFFNA COLLEGE,

Sept 29th — 1908.

Dr James L. Barton,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton:-

Your kind letter of August 10th came to hand in due season. Both Mrs Fritto and myself desire to thank you for its kind assurances. I have talked over the question of our remaining on here in the Mission with the missionaries of the Board in Jaffna, and while we all see that there is great need for some one to take Mr Dickson's station during his absence on furlough, yet Mrs Fritto and I feel that it is best for us to plan to leave Jaffna in March of next year.

The reasons for this decision are: 1st it is not at all clear that our health would permit permanent work in the tropics and if we are to return to the U. S. and begin all over again the sooner we do so the better. 2d. The state of affairs at home gives me considerable anxiety and I feel that I have a duty to my father and sister that I cannot ignore. Two years ago my only brother disappeared in a mysterious way and we know not whether he

is dead or alive. My father naturally feels my absence much more keenly than he would if this had not happened. He longs for my return and has looked forward to the end of this three years with anxious hopes and, really, I have not the heart to disappoint him. 3rd The fact that I have not had a theological training would, I am convinced be an insurmountable obstacle in the way leading to full appointment under the Board and I have no desire, and in fact I could not afford to continue in the work here with anything less than full appointment and regular salary. I did not come here for money and I would not continue for money but a certain amount of money is necessary and I must confess we have had to be more dependent upon others than is pleasant. Please do not think that I am complaining for we agreed to come for what we have received but if I should continue here I must be able to earn more. However this is a minor consideration.

We shall both hate to leave Jaffna for we have learned to love the place and the people. We feel that our best friends are here, but as we see things now it seems God's will for us to return to the States and so we are planning to come with the Dicksons. Hoping that all is well with you and your noble associates in the Rooms. I am, yours faithfully

Louis B. Fritt

Rev. Dr. Leonard
Corresponding Secretary
Boston

JAN 19 1909

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Sir William C. Twynam, K. C. M. G.,
Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Rev. Giles G. Brown, B. A., B. D.
Principal.

JAFFNA COLLEGE, Vaddukkoddai, Ceylon.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dec. 21st, 1908.

Dear Dr Barton:—

Both Mrs Fritts and myself are very grateful to you for your kind letter of Nov. 12th. We have enjoyed our work here in Jaffna and have tried to render the best service we could under the circumstances. I do not feel that we have failed and it is comforting to know that you can express a measure of satisfaction with our work. We shall indeed be sorry to sever our connection with the Board and especially with you and the other Secretaries who have always been so kind and helpful. I am sure that we shall always feel interested in the work and we hope that we may yet be able to serve you in some way or other.

We are quite unsettled as to what we shall do upon our return but hope to be engaged in some form of Christian Service. If

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you can suggest anything or in any way help me to find employment I shall be exceedingly grateful. I have already applied to one or two Colleges in the Middle West and have the liberty of referring them to you for an opinion of my work here.

If you know of any possible opening in Christian work other than teaching I should be glad to be informed and would carefully consider it - e.g. Y. M. C. A. work or work with some one of the Church societies. I must get into something very soon after our return and I am not over particular so long as it is work worth while.

Thanking you again for your help and sympathy and assuring you that I shall ever be glad to render the Board any service in my power, I am

Most Sincerely Yours.

Louis B. Fritts

Dec. 21, 1908.

P.S. If you should wish to write to me, a letter written between Jan. 22d & Feb 1st should be addressed
c/o Thos Cook & Son, Colombo. between Feb 1st & Mch 15th
c/o " " " " Yokohama. L. B. F.

Louis B. Fritts

MAR 31 1909

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Colombo, Ceylon
March 4th 1909.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton:-

Your two notes, one acknowledging my last letters and the other with enclosures from Mr Fiske were received yesterday. I am deeply grateful for the interest you take in the matter of my future employment and I shall register with Mr Fiske at once. I am anxious to get employment as near my father's home as may be so would prefer Drury College at Springfield, Missouri. If you can drop a line to President George of Drury I shall esteem it a great favor.

We are very busy making our final preparations for the homeward voyage. We expect to sail from Colombo, Sat. Mar. 6th by the P. & O. "Delhi". We change at Hong Kong to the Pacific Mail, "Mongolia" and expect to reach San Francisco about April 23d. I fear we shall be unable to see you in Boston but hope that we may soon see you somewhere farther

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west. At any rate we shall hope to keep in touch with the Board and its Officers and assure you of our continued interest in the work.

By the way, I am thinking of working up a lantern lecture on Ceylon. Do you have any slides that I might use for some weeks during the summer through the Middle west? I am bringing home some very good photographs and several curios which I think will make material for an interesting lecture for the people of my section. If you care to consider it at all I should be pleased to co-operate with the Board for a few weeks at least, in this line of work.

Hoping to hear from you when we reach San Francisco I am

Yours Most Cordially
Louis B Fritts.

Louis B. Fritts
Colombo, Ceylon.
Mar. 4-1909.
Presbyterian

Rec'd MAR 31 1909

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Sir William C. Twynam, K. C. M. G.,
Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Rev. Giles G. Brown, B. A., B. D.
Principal.

JAFFNA COLLEGE, Vaddukkoddai, Ceylon.

5th March, 1909.

This is to certify that Mr. Louis B. Fritts was a teacher in Jaffna College for three years continuously, his term of service ending February 24th 1909. During his short stay here he proved himself to be a thoroughly competent teacher, and one who could win the confidence both of his pupils and of his fellow teachers. The line of work in which he is specially at home is Psychology and Philosophy, but he is quite capable of teaching other branches. I cannot speak too highly of him as a man of sterling Christian character. His influence on the boys of this school was of a high order, and his active work in the religious work of the school was very valuable. What I have said of his character can also be said of Mrs. Fritts. Her influence in the school has been very helpful, and the boys have been greatly benefitted by her training. I cordially commend them both to any one to whom this letter may be presented.

Giles G. Brown
Principal.

Rec'd MAY 29 1909

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Springdale, Arkansas,
May 26th 1909.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton:-

Your letter was received a few days ago and in accordance with your suggestion I send herewith a statement of our expenses including the R. R. fare to Chicago. I charge only the cost of a through ticket from San Francisco to Chicago which is $19.00 more than it would be to Topeka. As a matter of fact it costs us considerably more than that since we buy in stages.

The item $1.99 for telegrams is due to the fact that just as we were leaving Jaffna Cook telegraphed us that our steamer

Vadakkodai Ceylon. Mar. 5-1909.

Statement
Mr. Cook

had been filled in London so we had to change steamers at the last moment and arrange several details by telegraph. The same change made it necessary for us to remain a day longer in Colombo and so increase our charges for stay in that city.

We travelled 2d. class from Colombo to Hongkong, 1st. class across the Pacific and 2d. class on the trains with tourist sleepers. We have tried to travel as economically as possible and have a fair degree of comfort and I trust the bill will seem fair to you when compared with others.

Yours Truly,

Louis B. Fritt

Louis B. Fritts

Springdale-Ark. May 26-1909.

Jaffna College

C'd MAY 29 1909

Statement of account with
The Jaffna College Board of
Trustees.

Expenses for homeward Journey,
see attached sheet - - - - $727.85

Rec'd from Treasurer Jaffna
College in Ceylon Rs 2002.50 = 667.50

Balance due L. B. Fritts $60.35

The above is a true account.

Louis B. Fritts.

Louis B. Fritts - Statement of Account with Jaffna College Board of Trustees

Rec'd MAY 29 1909

Expenses of Mr + Mrs L. B. Fritts for Journey from Jaffna to Chicago.

Cartage in Jaffna	$ 1.00
Car Fare to Colombo	8.61
Freight on boxes - Jaffna to Colombo	3.61
Board in Colombo + Rickshaw fare	16.08
Transferring, Storing + Cleaning Boxes	4.76
Telegrams (due to Change of Steamers)	1.99
Exchange in Colombo	1.37
Steamer Tickets to San Francisco	472.00
Excess on baggage (S.S. Delhi)	3.65
Fees on Delhi	5.50
Board in Hongkong	14.00
Storing Boxes, Cleaning same, Rickshaws + Chairs Hongkong	4.06
Excess on baggage (S.S. Mongolia)	3.90
Chair rent (Steamer chairs)	4.50
Fees to Mongolia Stewards	6.05
Hotel bill (San Francisco)	10.95
Cleaning, Transferring + repacking boxes (San Francisco)	6.25
Freight on boxes	19.05
Exchange, (on journey + San Francisco)	9.60
R. R. Tickets to Chicago	99.00
Tourist Sleepers	11.50
Meals on R.R. Journey	8.75
Incidentals (washing, pressing, porters, etc.)	11.67
Total	$727.85

Traveling expenses Rev. & Mrs. Fritts
from Ceylon to America

R. C. Hastings 21

Batticotta, Jaffna, Ceylon, Mar. 13, 1900

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

My long silence is hardly excusable, and I will not attempt any justification of my conduct. But I am glad to inform you that at our last mission business meeting we elected Dr Scott to the position of Secretary, who will be more faithful in corresponding with you than I have been the past two years.

There is nothing very important to report of the mission meeting. We had our native brethren, — three pastors, one from Batticotta, one from Uduvil, and one from the Chavagacherri districts, — meet with us in one session of the annual meeting, and three or four hours were spent in profitable conversation on matters pertaining especially to education. We feel just as strongly as ever that we need a Theological class, and Dr Scott has been trying to stir up some of our leading men to do what they could to make it possible to take up and educate a few young men for the ministry. I am afraid, however, that the time has not come when we can leave the burden of the support of such a class to our native Christian community. Bible lessons in our village schools have been more generally and faithfully taught during the past year. Much more can be done, however, and we hope for better results this year.

Mr and Mrs Brown were voted to Uduppiddi to take charge of that station and to supervise the work at Chavagacherri. For the first three months I make payments &c, after which the whole responsibility will rest with Mr and Mrs Brown. This is contrary to our usual custom, but the circumstances were such that we were not able to give them a full year for the study of the language free from responsibility and from station work. It will be very hard for them at first but as they acquire the language and become acquainted with the people, they will find it

easier. Miss Root has charge of the Girls English school at Uduvil, and is assisting Miss Howland in other ways, besides studying the language. Dr Young is at Inuvil associated with Dr Curr, and now that the latter has gone to Kodaikanal for a change, Dr Young takes her work as far as possible.

The Holtons left at the close of February for a visit to Madura en route to America. In the meantime the supervision of the work at Tillipallai falls upon me, much as I dislike to add to my many duties here. There seemed to be no other way to manage, and Dr Scott is near by to render me help.

One thing more:- We went over our appropriations very carefully and cut down wherever we could, but found it quite impossible to bring all within the amount voted by the Prudential Com. Unless something occurs during the year to help us out, we shall over-run by two hundred rupees at least, and must ask that this be allowed (if necessary) by the Prud. Com. We saved a few rupees of the grant made by the Women's Boards for Bible Women for 1898, which we are reserving for the expenses of a Convention of Bible Women to be held by the ladies next July. I reported this action to Treas. Wiggin several weeks ago.

Our new Secretary will write you in reply to your last letter. Both Dr Scott and I have sent you reports of our work from time to time during the past year, some of which might possibly have been suitable for publication in the Herald, but neither of us has had time to write specially for the Press. Now that we have been re-inforced I hope you will not find it so difficult to get news from Jaffna.

I shall be writing you in a few days about College matters.

Thanking you for your kindness and forbearance with me during my brief tenure of office as Secretary, and hoping that we shall have the privilege of seeing you here ere long, I remain,

Yours truly,

R. C. Hastings.

Batticotta, Jaffna, 7-4-00.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M. Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I enclose the Annual Tabular view for 1899 for our mission, with my apology for its late appearance. I thought my clerk had drawn it off and forwarded with my signature some weeks ago, before I left Udupiddi in fact; but it was incomplete and in the hurry and confusion of moving it was quite forgotten. I regret the delay, but hope it will not occur another year.

The Holtons sailed from Colombo on the 2nd inst. and expect to re-ship at Genoa for New York which port they expect to reach about the first of May. Mr Holton changed his plans at the last moment and I hope for the better. If this line proves a good one others may go by it latter. We have not secured passage yet though I hope to hear definitely on Monday. We shall probably leave Colombo on or about the 26th. I mean by "we" Mrs Hastings and the children.

We are having very hot weather, exceptionally so. I have just returned from Udupiddi where I have been assisting the Browns in taking a new class into the Udupiddi Boarding school. The new missionaries are very comfortably settled and with April 1st they assumed full charge of Udupiddi and Chavagacherri. I have paid salaries there for the last time this past week. All well in the mission. Mr Hitchcock (with two native young men) has gone to So India to arrange with the Madura mission about the territory for our new Missionary Society.

With kind regards,

Yours truly R C Hastings

Jaffna, Ceylon

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Colombo, Ceylon April 26 '00

Dear Dr Barton

We are here thus far on our journey. We left Jaffna on Saturday night the 21st reaching Colombo Monday morning. To our disappointment the steamer in which we had engaged passage for England, has been delayed, and we shall have to remain here a fortnight. We are stopping at Mrs Niles's who you will remember is the General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. It is a very pleasant home in a quiet neighborhood, and if we must stay in Colombo no place would suit us better. The charges for room and board are very moderate, — not much more than half the hotel rates.

I have secured passage to London in the S.S. "City of Oxford" of the City Line, paying Rs 1,000.— for wife and two daughters. If I had been able to secure passage four months earlier, I could have saved a hundred or two rupees, but all the steamer companies raised their rates from Jan.y 1st, and I had to do the best I could. Second class P. & O. would have been Rs 950.— or just Rs 50. cheaper but I could not secure three berths in one cabin in any of the boats of that line leaving in April or the first part of May. The City line

Jaffna, Apr. 7, 1900

is a temperance line; and tho these steamers are mainly cargo boats and consequently a little slower than the boats of the P. & O., yet they are all the better for a party of ladies traveling alone; for the class of passengers is likely to be a sober, quiet, respectable one.

On reaching London, Mrs Hastings and children will go to Mrs Levy's 23 Torrington Square, where they will remain a few days. I have asked Messrs Thos. Cook & Son to secure passage across the Atlantic, and if possible in the "Umbria" of the Cunard line, sailing on the 9th June. This of course cannot be finally settled until they reach London and see how much time they need to fit themselves for the voyage across.

In this connection I would remind you again of our great need of the re-fit money which has been allowed returning missionaries up to ~~date~~ the close of last year, but which Brear Higgin says cannot now be granted. We do not see how we can get along without it except by running into debt, and therefore ~~hope~~ that the Bud. Com. may see fit to allow it for the Hastings and ourselves. If a new rule is to be made concerning the granting of a re-fit, due notice should be given before enforcing the rule. Neither the Madura missionaries nor ourselves know

anything about the new rule until Mrs. Higgin referred to it a month or two ago.

Again, I am anxious to know what allowance the Bd. Com will make for Mrs Hastings and the children while in America, and what salary will be given me. Mrs Hastings would like to visit her brother and sister in Cincinnati which is really her home in America, before returning to Jaffna, but does not dare to make plans until some definite arrangement has been made about her allowance. Will her expenses to Cincinnati be paid by the Board? I think I wrote you that we received tidings of the death of her mother in January last. This makes her, all the more anxious to visit the remaining member of her family.

When we left Jaffna, all were well, and we have heard nothing since. It was dry, hot & dusty, but yesterday and the day before according to the telegrams in the papers, heavy rain fell so that the temperature must be cooler now. The "little monsoon" burst the day we reached Colombo, but we hope the "big monsoon" will not put in an appearance until our party is well across the Indian ocean. With kind regards & respects, your prayers for us both, so soon to be separated,

Remain Yours truly

R L Hastings

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Batticotta, Jaffna, Ceylon, June 28,00

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Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec . of Board of Trust, Jaffna College

Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr Barton,

Your favor of May 10th came to hand a fortnight ago, and I thank you for it. You say you have sent me a Statement of the funds in America, but the letter must have been lost for I have received nothing up to date. We were especially anxious to secure this statement as the question of purchasing land for a new site will come up for discussion at the meeting of the Directors to be held in a few weeks. The railway is being pushed now and it is desirable to secure land before prices go up as I fear they are bound to. I myself am not very keen on moving to another site, but the Tamil Directors , most of them, are anxious for it, and the Misses Leitch strongly advocate it . If the foreigners all voted against it we might secure enough of the natives to get a majority, but I do not know whether this would be wise or not. From a mission point of view it seems poor policy to move over to a ~~pla~~ place between Manepy and Inuvil and within a mile of each of the stations of Uduvil, Manepay, and Inuvil. Batticotta, in that case, would be left without a missionary family which would be undesirable. However in ~~th~~ this, as in other things, we have to bow to the will of the majority.

In your letter of July 1899 you write that probably a sum of three to five thousand dollars would be available for building purposes. Can we count on this ? Is there any prospect of our getting any more?

With regard to using funds in America for the ordinary expen-

ses of the College I agree with you that it is not wise. We are running behind in our income because we have only about 100 boys instead of over as we had for five years. The falling off in numbers is due to the fact of their being so many institutions, all fighting for an existence. Moreover for the past two years I have been much stricter in admitting boys believing that in this way the tone of the College both from the educational and religious standpoints would be greatly ~~increased~~ improved, and in this I have the approval of many of the Directors. Some there are of course who believe in numbers and think we should take in nearly all that apply with the aim of doing them good. But this defeats itself for if the results of the examinations are bad the College would soon lose its standing. I wrote you last year that the results of the Cal. University exams. were very poor. I am glad to inform you that we have done much better this year. Of the 18 that went into the Entrance or Matriculation examination 15 passed. Of the 7 that appeared for the F.A. examination 6 passed. Our two B.A. students both failed while the two teachers we sent in both passed and obtained their B.A. degree. This will mean that salaries will have to be increased, and the financial problem will be the most serious one for our Directors to settle. I am thinking of appealing to those who have studied here for contributions to the Local Funds.

Mr Elmer had an interview with me the other day in which he consented to remain on for another year. He is not a desirable man in some ways while an excellent scholar and especially suited for the higher classes. It would be well, however, for you to bear in mind that when he leaves, we shall be wanting another man. I may be able to persuade him to remain until 1902 but we cannot count on that. I need write no more

at this time. Wil write again after the Directors' meeting near the close of the term

We are expecting Mr & Mrs Dickson in about two weeks. They ought to be in Bombay now. We hope they will not come from India with any prejudices against Jaffna.

The Scotts are at Kodaikanal, So. India, but are expected back in a few weeks. From him I learn that the Prud. Com. have been kind enough to allow us a refit. Please csnvey to them my very sincere thanks for this favor. In future we will all plan to get along without it if possible, tho I do not see how this can well be done.

With kind regards

Yours truly R W Hastings

Batticotta, June 28, 1900

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Jaffna, Ceylon, Aug. 6, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. Board of Trust for For. Funds of Jaf. Col.

Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I enclose Semi-annual statement of account from which you will see that the College had a balance of Rs172.09 only on July 1st. So please send me a draft for at least £ 300.- more to meet the expenses of the foreign teachers up to the close of the current year. I think I have written you once already about my whole salary being charged to the College. I have given full half of my time to direct mission work since coming to Batticotta. Nor do I see how it is possible for me to avoid doing so until the new missionaries are ready to assume full responsibility of the stations. Even then I should have to retain the charge of Batticotta, the largest station in the mission, containing about one third of the inhabitants in our whole field, unless the Board sent out another missionary for Batticotta which would not be a very wise move in my opinion. I mention this to show that I have a claim on the Board's Treasury; and I would suggest that as long as the Board give our children allowances, ~~that~~ these allowances be charged to the Board and not to the College.

We are waiting for Dr Scott's return before having the meeting of the Directors. It will probably be in about two weeks, after which I will write you again. With kind regards

Yours truly

R. B. Hastings.

The term closes in less than four weeks

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Dear Dr Barton

At Dr Scott's request I am sending you the balance of the mission report. We are really going to turn over a new leaf and next year send the report early in the year. I hope you will not find it difficult to arrange the different portions that have been sent, in some consecutive order.

Dr Scott & family expect return to Jaffna the latter part of next week, and we will get Estimates ready at our business meeting to be held the week after.

I am very busy, but glad to have enough to do to keep me from being lonely.

Yours in haste

R C Hastings

Jaffna, Aug. 3, 1900

Batticotta, Jaffna, Sept. 14, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. For. Board of Trust for Jaf. Col

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of Aug. 2nd came to hand ten days or so ago, and I was glad to learn that you approved of our retaining Mr Elmer for another year. He is a fine instructor and there are many things about him that I like. But on the other hand he is not one to mingle much with the students and get at their real life and thought, and his religious influence is not as pronounced as we should like to see it. But we are not all built on the same lines, and cannot expect all the virtues in one and the same individual. I am glad he is staying on for one year more at least. As to the general principle it seems to us better to have a change once in four years. The Principal and married professor should remain on for longer periods of time provided they are the right men for the place, but it is desirable to introduce fresh blood once in four or five years. A young man comes with all the enthusiasm of the West, and imparts enthusiasm into the sleepy East. He is more apt to be up to the times, and is more free to mingle with the students and engage with them in their athletic sports &c, than we older and married men are. We have families that take our attention for a part of the time though it may be a very small part . I think therefore it would be well to have in view the possibility of the need of a young man by the end of next year, or say a year from now. I will let you know some months later how the matter stands .

With regard to writing for the Herald, I will send some few notes soon, but cannot find time I fear to write a longer article.

I begin to realize that my rest after seeing my wife and children off was not as much as perhaps I needed. I am looking forward to Mrs Hastings return about the close of this term and will then go down to Colombo to meet her and thus get a few days of change which will be all I need. The responsibility of the College as well as of Tillipallai are wearing, and I begin to wish that a part of the burden was off my hands. Mr Dickson has taken over the accounts of the Industrial school, and with Oct.1st I hope to pass over all care and responsibility of the Training school. But the station work and village schools I must keep on until the end of the year. It is hard on our new missionaries to give them so much work to do the first year of their life here, but it is unavoidable. I only hope it will not discourage them from Tamil study. Mr Brown regrets now that he was burdened with station work before he had an opportunity of acquiring ~~to study~~ the language, but he is keeping at it as well as he can, tho. I suppose we shall have to give him a year and a half instead of a year for his first examination. I do not know how it will affect Mr Dickson but I do know that he is at work on the language. Both these men feel how powerless they are without the knowledge of the vernacular, for which we are thankful, for I do not think we can over-estimate the value of a knowledge of the language. Mr Dickson seems to think that the mission needs a well equipped press, since the natives do not seem to be able to conduct a Press as it should be conducted. But on the other hand we must bear in mind that it should be our aim to put on to the natives responsibility as fast as they are able to bear it. He and Mr Brown, too, I think, feel that the mission has gone a little too fast in this matter, especially in passing over the control of the churches to native hands. In some things perhaps it would have been wiser to have waited a little longer,

but I anticipate no serious nor permanent injury to our work.

To come now to College matters,- The meeting of the College Directors was held on the 25th ult., just before the close of the term. The Directors were all present but one, who was, and is still, seriously ill. The session lasted for over three hours. My report was long and dealt with a number of subjects. The condition of the treasury called for some action. We decided to make an effort to collect funds locally to meet the present needs, though how this is to be done was not decided. One of the Directors seemed to think that a part of the interest of Mrs St John's money should be used for local needs. We had to increase salaries some in spite of the deficit, or lose one or two of our best men, so this made the problem all the more difficult of solution. A plan for fixing salaries of the native teachers, and of retiring them after they reached a certain age, was referred to the Executive Com. So also the plan for commencing on new buildings. This Com. will meet in a week or two I hope. I await your statement of account before calling the Com. Three new Directors were elected i.e. Messrs G.G.Brown, J.H.Dickson, and R.W.Allagakoen, a magistrate of one of the Police Courts in the peninsula. So now we have 18 on the Directorate, the full number. Of these Sir William is a retired civilian, one is a C.M.S. missionary, and five American missionaries including Mr Hitchcock, or 7 Foreigners in all. Of the 11 natives three are Magistrates, three are lawyers, three ministers, and two business men. Two of the 11 belong to the Wesleyans, one to the Church Mission, two others are living in town now and attend the Wesleyan services tho still belonging to us, and the rest are from the American mission. Two thirds of the whole body of Directors are from the American mission, and the College is practically

an American Mission institution.

The term closed on the 30th, with the annual Prize-giving. In the forenoon of the same day we had Prize speaking, members from two of the classes competing for the prizes. Mr Dickson had been invited to be one of the Judges, but none else were invited. In the afternoon we had the Alumni meeting which was not very fully attended, though the exercises were interesting. At a little before 7 o'clock the evening exercises commenced with Sir William Twynam in the chair. The hall was well filled, there being nearly 20 European and American missionaries and civilians (2) besides those of us who live here. The exercises were interesting, and the boys went home for ten days' holidays.

The number in attendance at the close of the term was 99 as against 101 at the same time ~~next~~ last year. There have been 32 in the College classes proper this term, instead of only 20 as last year. This is a gain and is just what I want to see,-- a larger number of College students and a ~~less~~ smaller number of Preparatory boys. We are bound to have less in the lower classes as the school at Manepy has just put up a fine building and is well manned with teachers. The school at Tillipallai will probably be greatly improved under Mr Dickson's fostering care. Both of these will draw off boys from the lower classes that otherwise would come here. Then Victoria College is only two miles off and has a foreigner as Headmaster. They are also putting up large and fine buildings. No institution, however, is affiliated to the B.A. degree except ours. But I would like to call your attention to the fact that others are stirring themselves, and unless we put up new buildings soon and get some new apparatus and new books we are likely to be left hopelessly behind. I have spoken strongly upon the subject to the Directors, and foretold our des

fall to the position of a High school within a very few years unless something was done at once to improve our College, but, Tamil-like, many think that what was good enough 30 years ago is good enough now. I have also rubbed it in to the teachers so that they feel a little hurt, tho I hope it will do good. It is folly for us to think that we will hold our position as first, especially after the railway is opened, unless we make improvement in every direction, and keep up with the requirements of the times.

During the vacation I was busy with the exception of one Sabbath spent at Manepay when I preached twice, and two days at Udupiddi where I conducted two meetings. Still I feel that the vacation has done me good. We have been in session now for five days and all of the students are not back yet. We shall probably lose three or four who found it difficult to keep up with their classes last term. One of our Senior B.A.s who became convinced of the truth of Christianity last term, has so aroused the displeasure of his friends that he may be prevented from returning. I glory in every such case as stamping our institution more and more as a Christian College, while we all deeply sympathize with the lad and are praying that he may be kept from falling.

The new Director of Public Instruction is agitating the question of a Ceylon University and we hope something may be done. It would undoubtedly help us if such a University were founded. It would not be a teaching but an examining University, but its degrees would be valuable and open the way for employment under the different departments of Government. I have written you a long letter but shall not be likely to trespass upon your time again very soon.

With kind regards Yours truly

R.B. Hastings

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Batticotta, Jaffna, Nov. 5, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. Trustees Foreign Fund, Jaffna College.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

Your letter commenced on the 8th Sept. and closed on the 21st, came to hand two weeks ago. I thank you for the draft of £ 300.- sterling, which I shall be sending into the Bank in a few days. I quite approve of your suggestion of setting apart Fifty dollars a year for new books, and would like to add another fifty for new instruments for our Labratory I do not know whether a vote from our Directors is necessary. As it refers to the Foreign Fund I should think that any orders I may send from year to year for books or instruments might be voted upon by your Trustees, on the understanding of course that the authorities here approve of my orders. Until I have new rooms in which to store the books and instruments where they can be looked after properly, I shall not be likely to order much. I have been greatly grieved to find the books of our present Library in such very bad order. For lack of a little attention they have been badly eaten by the worms and injured by mould, until they are well nigh useless,—at least some of them.

I have now to report the meeting of the Executive Com. of the Board of Directors. They met at Batticotta on Friday the 26th ult. only a day or two after the receipt of your letter. I read parts of your letter of Aug. 17th and called attention to your remarks about the local expenses of the College being met by local funds. They were glad

Jaffna, Sept. 14, 1900

to learn of the surplus funds in America which you thought might be used in erecting new buildings. They requested me to write you asking if the Trustees could not vote $10,000. at once for purchasing land and putting up a new school room or Assembly Hall. The roof of the present Hall has been pronounced weak and probably unsafe. I have had the tiles taken down from one end of the roof and that portion thatched with leaves. This has lessened the weight and I hope will be enough for safety for this rainy season at least. This was done at the recommendation of both the District and Provincial Engineers who very kindly came out and inspected the buildings.. But they advised my strengthening the roof before another rainy season which would involve considerable outlay. If we had ten thousand dollars we could put up a very neat Hall with rooms for Library attached, which would be sufficient for all practical purposes. Twice this amount could be used in putting up an ornamental building but this can be left for the dim future, say, fifty or a hundred years hence. With the above amount also we can buy a piece of land adjoining the College premises for a play-ground for the boys, a very necessary requirement. I propose to go on the assumption that this much at least will be forthcoming early next year, and be drawing up plans for the new building. After the new Hall is built we can remodel the old building and make it into class rooms &c &c, at comparatively little cost; and as we get money from year to year repair other buildings and fit them up to suit us. They are all very old and primitive now, and need considerable overhauling. May I, therefore, ask you to be so kind as to bring this matter before the Trustees and secure this money for immediate use. If it is thought best to collect from outside for building purposes, this amount might be advanced as a loan to be paid

back as money came in for buildings. The need is great and urgent.

Let me now give you a more detailed report of our meeting. The Com. is composed of the Sec. Dr Scott, Messrs Hitchcock, Horsley and myself, and from among the native gentlemen Judge Wyman, Proctor Changarapillai, and Revs T.P.Hunt and B.H.Rice, — eight in all. Several questions came up for consideration and discussion and our meeting was between three and four hours long. The question of finance came up first and it was decided to make an effort to collect funds from those who had studied in the College as well as from the general Christian public. Dr Scott, Mr Hunt, Mr Hensman, Mr Hitchcock and myself were appointed a Com to devise means for raising money to increase the Local Endowment. The next question was about fees, and we finally decided to recommend (the Directors have to vote all these measures at their meeting) the raising of tuition fees from Rs10. a term to Rs 12. in the College classes commencing with the next Collegiate year. There are so many institutions and so much competition that we felt it wise to move slowly. The question of fixing an age limit for the teachers was finally decided at 55. — that is to say teachers who are 55 or over may be called upon any year to resign if the Directors felt that it would be better for the College for them to give place to younger men. It was also said that something should be given in the way of a retiring allowance depending upon the years of service rendered.

The special question of the day, however, was the one of removing the College to a more central location. It may strike you in America as rather ridiculous to talk about a more central position when in our small peninsula it is a matter of only four or five miles, and the center depends upon one's outlook. But this and the argument of bad water were the two strongest reasons given by Mr Hunt who very

strongly advocated a change of site. In reply it was said that the water was good enough only we had to send for it some distance away . As for a more central location it was said that as the College did not take in day scholars, location made very little difference. Mr Hunt was alone in pleading for a change the other seven being opposed to it. And this largely for the reason that a change would involve the collecting of a very large sum of money which would all have to come from America. Here at Batticotta we have College buildings, many of which can be thoroughly and properly repaired for much less money than it would take to put up new ones. Moreover we have houses for the Principal, the foreign Professors and three native teachers, all of which would have to be newly erected if the site were changed. And then we have here the large Dutch church, over two hundred years old, and a place of historic interest which we could not replace elsewhere. If we went to a new site we should want at the outset at least $50,000., and half as much more later on before our necessities would be all met. And we should have to walk a mile or less to church on Sundays. It struck us as being very unwise to move. Nor could we give the American public any good reasons for a change in order to secure the money. This question will be finally settled in the meeting of Directors to be called early next year, or as soon as I receive a reply to this letter. There will be a strong minority in favor of moving, but unless you in America approve and can assure us of the needed funds, we are not likely to vote it.

I believe I have nothing further to report. Awaiting your reply to our request and with kind regards, I remain

Yours truly

R. C. Hastings
Principal.

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Batticotta, Nov 5, 1900

Dear Dr Barton,

In one of her last letters Mrs Hastings reports having asked Treasurer Higgin to pay her the re-fit money she & the children were entitled to before leaving Jaffna for America. She quite forgot (if she ever knew) that this refit allowance was all used up before she left the island. I was not able to give her a statement of our personal account before she left, and have not sent her one since; so it was very natural that she should think that the refit money was still on hand. As a matter of fact it was entirely used up, and the $195. Treas. Higgin reports having paid her is a debt. I can settle some of this before the end of the year, but at least $150.– will remain against my name as owing the Board, Dec 31, 1900.

I would like to make a request through you, of the Prudential Com. Mrs Hastings' teeth were in such bad condition that she had to have a great deal of dentistry done while in America. Her

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dentist's bill amounted to $110. Can this be paid by the Board? If so it would be a relief to us. Or should it, I may it, be met by College funds? In these hard times I dislike to make any special requests for money, but this payment of $195. has quite taken me back, and I should like to have it settled. I judge Mrs Hastings found the allowance made her while at home insufficient, and would not have been able to get along, had she not received help from friends. A grant of this $110. would therefore be a great favor.

I would remind you also of the allowance for our two younger children. If Mrs Hastings left on the 3rd inst. their allowance will commence with that date and should be paid over to my mother who lives in Hartford, Conn. The youngest child is but 11 yrs & 3 mos old, and not entitled to the allowance of $120.- for another nine months, but we should be glad if the Board would see fit to give her the allowance from Nov. 3rd. I believe Mrs Hastings has given you their names

and wages, so I need not repeat.

I note what you say with regard to our salary being on the College account, while our children's allowances are on the Board. This is fair I think, and quite satisfactory, and I thank you for arranging it in this way.

I am enclosing this in my letter about College affairs. Thanking you for your kindness to Mrs Hastings while in the home land, and with kind love I remain

Yours truly,

R. Hastings

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Batticotta, Jaffna, Jan.30,1901.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.

Sec. For. Trustees of Jaffna College

Dear Dr Barton,

I am enclosing the statement of acct for the full year 1900 from which you will see that the College stands in credit Rs1511.00. I have not charged the books that I got out last year as yet, but will do so next month. The Local Funds will not meet this. The stamp on your last draft has not been charged yet as it has not been reported. It will appear in next year's account.

I have charged Mrs Hastings's and my salaries to the College while the allowances for the children have been charged to Treas. Wiggin.

A day or two ago I heard that a brother of Mr Brown who finishes his studies at Oberlin this year, would not object to coming out as a teacher in one of the mission Colleges. From all I have heard he is a desirable man, and one who would be a good one to take up Mr Elmer's work if he left. You ask me in a recent letter whether Mr Elmer would be a good man for Madura or rather Pasumalie. I do not see why he leaves Jaffna if only to go to India. I understood that he disliked the Tamil people, and he would have them there as well. I do not think he would ever make a good executive; he is a born teacher. I have had no conversation with him on this subject but will do so soon and report to you later. In the meantime it might be well to look up Mr Brown of Oberlin. We were greatly pleased to get your last letter approving of setting apart eight thousand dollars for buildings. The College is closed for a week on account of an epidemic of chicken-pox, and I am having the rooms cleaned and whitewashed. The boys return on the 2nd prox. With kind regards

Yours truly R.C. Hastings

Batticotta, Nov. 5, 1900

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Batticotta, Jaffna, Feb. 14, 1901.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr Barton,

Yours of Jan. 5th at hand, and should be answered at once. With regard to the time for visiting the East I can speak positively only for Ceylon. I presume you have written to others in the other two missions and will hear from them as well.

We are unanimous (and natives with whom I have consulted agree with us) in thinking that June would be the ideal month in which to visit Jaffna for seeing the work and holding meetings. The months of January and February are cooler but we are crowded with work then, and moreover you could not well visit India after February. October is apt to be hot the first part while the rainy season generally commences about the 20th and lasts through to Christmas. At this time it is not only inconvenient getting about, but hard to get large numbers of the people together. Sickness is more likely to prevail during these months. As far as we are concerned, June is a delightful month for work, though of course it is hot in the middle of the day. The strong south west monsoon is blowing, cloudy days are not rare, and for fruits and vegetables, June cannot be beaten. Of course you will want to visit every church in our little mission, and the month is favorable for traveling about. With regard to South India I believe it is hot during July August and September, but the missionaries are all at their stations during those months, April and May being the months for the hills.

If you could arrive in Colombo about the first of June, it would be interesting to take a trip overland visiting Anaradjapoora on the way and getting to Jaffna say the 10th or 12th of the month. A month would be needed here for seeing all our work as well as for getting some

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Batticotta, Jaffna, Ceylon, 23-2-01

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Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. Trustees of Jaf. Col. Foreign Fund

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

I wrote you last week re time of your visit to Ceylon, and trust that you ~~have~~ will receive my letter in due course. On the 30th ult. I sent you Mr Brown's name as a possible successor to Mr Elmer.. Since then I have had a frank talk with Mr E. which I must now report. I found out that Mr Elmer had no intention of leaving Jaffna this year unless by so doing he could better himself. He prefers to be in a cooler climate, and so would like a place in Constantinople, or, possibly, in Northern India. He was surprised that the rumor had gone round that he was leaving in July. I think he does not wish to decide until he has seen you and had a talk on the subject. I did not feel at liberty to question him as to his wishes very closely. It is possible that he may wish for a change of work here, though I do not believe he would be acceptable in any other position, as, for example, a teacher of theology. He tells me that Mr Chandler would like to have them join the Madura mission, but he does not look with favor on going to South India. I think that perhaps the whole matter had better rest until you come, though if it were possible to ask Mr Brown to hold himself in readiness to start if wanted, it would help matters; but I dont know as this is possible.

On the 1st inst. I received a cable from the Misses Leitch saying "Defer deciding site of College. Letters follow". I propose calling a meeting of the Directors as soon as I receive your letter reporting the result of your meeting of Trustees in Boston, If the Misses Leitch's communications reach us before our Directors meeting they will

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receive due consideration. There are several on our Board that would favor her views. I myself would feel like choosing a better site were we starting a College de novo , but with all the buildings we have here including the largest church in our mission, and three teachers' houses besides a home for the Principal, it seems a wicked extravagance to move. If the natives themselves would raise the money for new buildings, or even a part of it, I might feel differently. The Misses Leitch will say that with $20,000 we can buy all the land we need and put up suitable buildings. I have consulted with several, including members of other missions, and I am sure it will need three times this amount to do what ought to be done; while by remaining here the first sum will be quite sufficient for making very satisfactory improvements as well as for buying more land. We want no such repitition of the Inuvil affair in putting up College buildings. We all feel that the judgement of the Misses Leitch is not to be trusted, while acknowledging that they have rendered us , as a mission, invaluable service in collecting funds.

In such an important matter as this it is well to go slow, yet it must not be forgotten that our need is pressing. Other Colleges are actively at work, and outside show goes for so much in the East. The two Hindu Colleges are collecting funds and building. One has nearly completed a fine large two story building, and the other more than half finished its new hall and class rooms. The Bishop dedicated the new Hall of the Church mission College last week. The Wesleyans have already purchased their site and are drawing up plans with the purpose of commencing work as soon as possible. Our old Hall has been pronounced unsafe ,and we should be at work getting our buildings in order. Something must be done before the rainy season. We therefore await your letter with some impatience, though it may

be well even now to postpone until you can visit Jaffna and see the situation for yourself.

I am sending under separate cover a copy of an appeal that was sent out last December. Answers have just begun coming in, but I cannot say definitely what the result will be. It is very hard collecting money here in these days. With kind regards and hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you ere long, I remain,

Yours truly

R. L. Hastings

Jaffna, Feb. 23, 1901

Jaffna, April 5, 1901

Rev James L. Barton DD.
Sec. Trustees of For. Fund of Jaf. Coll
Boston, Mass

Dear Dr Barton,

The Secretary of our Board of Directors, Dr Scott, has written you of the result of our meeting held on the 23rd ult but it has occurred to me that you might be glad to get an unofficial letter in which certain facts that could not be made officially, could be brought to your notice in order to help you to an understanding of the situation. Let me first give briefly a history of the College. When it was started it was with the idea of having an institution where higher education could be given to the Jaffna young men at a reasonable cost. The native Christians took the initiative, but feeling that without the aid of the missionaries they could do little, they appealed to the American mission to come to their help. As I have been given to understand the missionaries were at first reluctant to engage in the enterprise

but finally consented. Mr Sanders and my father collected funds in America, while the native Christians succeeded in raising some money here and in India.

At the outset, the College was open to all, — of every denomination. There were no other Colleges in existence at the time. I am told that most persons prophesied a short career for the Jaffna College, but under the wise care of my father it flourished until there were nearly 60 students. In order to get boys, however, the standard of admission was lowered. During this time the Wesleyans refused to be on the Board of Directors, and always referred to it as the "Batticotta College." The Church mission has always been represented on the Board.

When Dr Howland became the Principal, he found it difficult to resist the very decided opinion of the Christian community that the College should be affiliated to an Indian University, and so after a year or two it was affiliated to Calcutta. At once the numbers rose (the highest number enrolled previous to this

was 72) until at one time there were over 170 students on the Roll. This was the signal for the other missions to affiliate their institutions to Calcutta and thus to draw back the boys who had left them for us. Our numbers went down again, & now for two or three years we have had an enrollment of about 100. It is important to bear in mind that not once in the ~~whole~~ recent history of higher education in our peninsula have there been more than 50 in attendance on college classes proper, at one time, in the three Protestant institutions. It is also well to remember that our institution is the only one in the whole island of Ceylon where no class is taken below the Pre-entrance. We have six classes, i.e. Pre-entrance, Entrance, Junior F. A., Senior F. A., Junior B. A., Senior B. A. The last four correspond to the college classes in America. The Wesleyan College ~~goes~~ teaches only as high as Senior F. A., but goes down as low as A.B.C. classes. The past year they have had from 15 to 18 in the college classes, while we started

with 32 last June, and closed this month with 27. The Church mission College has had no College classes.

Our Directors, in the meeting already referred to, well said that Jaffna College is a Union College already. It gladly admits students of all denominations. It will gladly elect Directors from the other missions if they will consent to serve. If the Wesleyan & C. M. S. institutions wish to send their College classes to Batticotta, we will not only be glad to receive them, but will make every concession we can in accord with our constitution. It seems to me our Directors have been generous.

The Wesleyans say (1) bring your College to Jaffna town, or at least to a place within a mile of our center, (2) open the institution to day scholars (3) give us equal rights on the Board of Directors and on the Faculty, and one or two minor requirements which I have forgotten. These conditions were given me by Mr Spencer, the Wesleyan chairman. He and his Society refuse to approach the Jaffna College Directors, saying that they were not anxious for union & would only consider it if we would bend to them. As to Nos (2) and (3) we might yield, though in the opinion

of some yielding to No (2) would lessen the Christian influence of the College. While writing this letter a copy of the "Union Organ" (the weekly paper of the Sinites) has been put into my hands. It commends Miss Leitch's scheme for union, and promises that the College classes of Union College will also be sent to the Union College. It says that of course the Union students will attend as day scholars, so that they must be allowed to retain their Sinaism until intellectually convinced that Christianity is true. In other words we must allow them to come daubed up with sacred ashes, and excuse their absence when in attendance on heathen festivals. I myself do not see how we can well avoid making these concessions if we have a Union College. The only Union College in this part of the world is the "Christian College" at Madras which is a large strong institution under the dominating influence of the Free church of Scotland. The Wesleyans have some part in the College & I think the C. M. S. also. The boys are allowed to come with all their distinguishing

marks of Sivaism, and very little aggressive work is done for Christ among the students. Such an institution is approved of highly by our Sivite freinds for they want higher education at any cost, and are glad to be undisturbed in their faith. On the other side it is but just to say that Bible instruction is daily given. But to return to Mr Skinner's proposals. Does it not strike you that No (1) is rather unfair considering the fact that we were first in the field & that we have such good endowments? Why should we transfer all our interests to the Wesleyans? It may as well be admitted that union can only be brought about under the controlling influence of <u>one</u> mission, and in this case it should be the American. In my opinion, the present Jaffna College with new buildings, fully furnished and well equipped, would in a few years be the <u>only</u> College in Jaffna in spite of the other missions. And it would be <u>not</u> an American mission College, but the Christian College of Jaffna as it always has been. It must be remembered that the Wesleyan

system is very different from ours. They believe in keeping things in their own hands and their attitude is very dictatorial. We believe in getting our native brethren to work with us, and to assume responsibility for themselves, — in time to take the whole responsibility. This means of course very unsatisfactory work along certain lines, but as the child does not learn to walk without many a stumble and fall, so our native Christians cannot learn to govern without making many mistakes. In my opinion any union between the three missions closer than that which now exists would only result in greater friction. The Mission Leitch know the situation, but they are seldom practical, and moreover by their speeches in England & Scotland some years ago, gave such a wrong impression that they find it difficult, I imagine, to collect promises that were then made. Mr Skinner told me the other day that he had only recently mailed a letter to the Mission Leitch which would give

their side of the question of union. We favor it I think, but dare not believe the time has yet come to entrust so much power to the natives. There are many things that we could tell you better, than to write. We dare not write Miss Leitch, for she is so unscrupulous in her use of private letters.

As to changing the site of the College, most of us favor it, but the question of money is a very serious one. Miss Leitch's letter has several ~~in~~ misstatements, and gives a wrong impression. She says that College buildings can be put up on a new site for a little more than the cost of Lumil. This is not true. She probably does not know that labor and materials have gone up 50 per cent since Lumil was built. We would have to put up new buildings for the teachers, as well as for the College. Nor could we use any of the old materials at Batticotta for the timbers are not sound and it would not pay to cart the stones. The roof tiles might be taken but very

little else. On the other hand if the site were changed, and the new College were confined only to College classes, the present buildings must remain at Batticotta for the Entrance & Pre-entrance classes. So practically nothing could be taken from Batticotta for the new College buildings. I think less than $50,000 would be sufficient for new buildings for the present though native Directors of experience put the sum as high as $65,000. Now is America to furnish all this money? If we remained at Batticotta $10,000 would be all that was needed.

When there was no College in Jaffna and people were clamoring for one, only about Rs 8,000 were raised locally & that by the very hardest. For the past few months I have been trying to increase the Local Endowment, but I doubt whether I get more than Rs 1,000 all told in promises. The Government will absolutely do nothing. The most that can possibly be done locally would be to get a few acres of land for a site

costing perhaps Rs1000 per acre. In America to pay the balance of say $40,000? I am not sure but that it would be a disastrous policy to our whole mission work. Yet I am open to conviction. Personally I am eager for a new site and new buildings, but I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that it would mean a large outlay of money which might be needed more elsewhere. I have written you at length and must stop.

April 10. 1901

I have only finished copying this letter today. Mrs Hastings & I have been here on one of the islands, for the past few days. We are in a shanty on the sea shore erected by Mrs Rowland for her use. It is really too hot to be away from home and we return tomorrow. I did not bring my typewriter with me, so have inflicted this upon you which I hope will be legible.

There are one or two points in your letters of Jan. 26 & Feb 18 which I must touch upon before closing. First of all, please accept our very hearty thanks for the grant of

$150.- for special expenses incurred by Mrs Hastings when in America. We appreciate your kindness & your words as well in connection with this grant. Surely there isn't a Society that treats its missionaries as kindly as ours.

With reference to the new building about to be put up by the C. M. S. it was finished and dedicated some weeks ago, and the University examinations were held in it last month.. A heavy debt rests upon the building ~~which~~ to liquidate which the Principal is raising money. Miss Leitch evidently misunderstood his appeal.

As to what you say about attaching the Theological class to the College it meets with our ~~o~~ hearty approval. We see no reason why this plan should not be carried out, and I sincerely hope that when you come all matters of detail may be finally arranged. I am very glad your Trustees agree with us in thinking that no foreign money should be used for paying salaries of native teachers. This must be strongly emphasized.

I should be glad to meet the deputation in Colombo if thought best. It might not be a bad idea to see the work in that city before coming to Jaffna — especially the higher educational work. A trip to Kandy and from there by coach to Anuradjapura to see the "old ruin" of the ancient Tamil Kingdom, & then on to Jaffna by ox-cart would give you a trip long to be remembered though not a very easy one. We shall have letters waiting for you at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Slave Island. You will let us know what steamer you expect to sail in from London.

With kind regards
Yours truly
R. E. Hastings

I am writing the Secs. on the subject of munshees for new missionaries.

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Balt. Apr 15 '01

Dear Dr Barton

I am sending you by this mail a long letter anent College matters, to the care of Spicers Bros, 19 New Bridge St, London. If you are still in America & not likely to start for the East very soon, please drop a line to Spicers asking them to forward to you.

For many reasons I think it would be well to consider my letter confidential. I would not want any of my statements to get back here to dis-

with the harmony existing among the members.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R. B. Harding

Rev. R. C. Hastings 35

Jaf. Nov 29

Dear Dr Barton

It is after 11 P.M. & I am very tired, but I cannot retire until I have written you a few words of welcome. You do not realize how glad I am personally that you are really coming to Jaffna. There are many things in connection with the College and the mission that I wish to talk about, and you all will find plenty to do during your stay here. If you are to remain a few days in Colombo

see nothing like it here.

Dr Scott is sending down Miss Leitch's old servant Santhia. You will find him very helpful I am sure. We should be delighted to have you all make your headquarters at Batticotta. We have a large house with no children. But others will want you at their stations as well and perhaps you can decide after reaching Jaffna. ~~Inc~~ If Mrs Barton cannot travel about, we should be glad to have her come here and remain. Mrs Hastings has already written her.

With our cordial salaams & hoping soon to welcome you at our home, I remain

Yours truly

R B Hastings

If you will telegraph Dr Scott or myself when you arrive, & later on your plan for reaching Jaffna we should be greatly obliged.

and feel like it. I think you would be helped to understand the situation here if you visited St Thomas' College, Wesley College, Royal College & St Joseph's. Mr Aitken's work for young men is very interesting also & he will probably have something to say about the Jaffna young man & what ought to be done for him.

The railway trip to Kandy, the drive round the lake in Kandy, & an inspection of the Peradeniya Gardens are well worth taking & will give you some idea of the beauty of Ceylon. You will

R. C. Hastings

Jaffna, May 29.

Dear Brethren of the Deputation

Just a line to assure you that a hearty welcome is awaiting you at here in the north. We have not been able to talk of much else than your visit the past month or so. We have thought of you, we have dreamed of you. We have followed you in your voyage from Europe as we think of you today as ~~[illegible]~~ by the mon-

[illegible] "line" has our special benefit.

Enjoy thyself and be happy

Yours truly
R. C. Hastings

soon on the waters of the Indian ocean, yet drawing nearer and nearer to the isle of spicey breezes. We doubt not that you will be glad to see land once more, and even more glad when you can feel that for a few weeks at least you can tread the dry land.

More than all, we have been praying that your visit to Jaffna may result in great good. We feel assured of your sympathies & shall welcome your counsel. If we are in the wrong in any department

of mission work we hope you will tell us so. I am not writing in an official capacity yet I feel sure that this is the thought of all. That our Saviour's name may be glorified & that His cause may receive a fresh impetus by your visit is our earnest prayer.

Our Secretary will write you full instructions as to how to reach Jaffna & in ten days we hope to meet you face to face and exchange Christian greetings.

About a year ago I took the overland

trip from Kandy to Jaffna. The journey as far as Anuradjapoora was very pleasant, but from there on it was exceedingly uncomfortable. Should any of you wish to try it however I would suggest that you consult Mr Ferguson Ed of the Ceylon Observer who will be able to give you most valuable information concerning the trip. He is a warm friend of the American mission.

Mr Hitch, the Sec of the Y. M. C. A. will also be glad to do anything in his power. Dr Hitch and Mrs Hitch have been so helpful to us all that I often feel that they

Batt June 5 '01

Dear Dr Barton

We were very glad to hear by wire yesterday of the safe arrival in Colombo of yourself & other members of the Deputation. I think you will not regret spending a little time in Colombo & Kandy before coming up to Jaffna. You see so little of real tropical scenery that is pretty here in this flat peninsula.

The missionaries of the three missions met to talk over union yesterday. It is very evident that the Wesleyans will not

agree to anything which does not give them the lion's share of the control. However it would be only ~~at~~ by destroying the only College started by Protestant natives, that union could be effected. The C M S are not quite so narrow, but they seem missing of that body told me yesterday that the CMS could not work with the Wesleyans. I despair of union. Show what weak.

Mr Elmer has just told me today that he does not think he will be justified in remaining on here. He thinks the Deputation will think his services are not needed. If you are writing home

would it not be better to ask some one to be on the lookout for another man for us? You can write again more definitely after reaching Jaffa, but in the meantime notice might be given that a man will, in all probability, be wanted, as it is getting pretty late in the year for securing a good man, no time should be lost.

We are busy preparing for your coming, and shall be glad to welcome you to Jaffa

With kind salutations to all

Yours truly

R. S. Hartley

Batt. 25 June

My dear Dr Barton

I send you what mail there is — nothing has come from America yet.

We would be glad to have you come back to Batt on Friday, and spend the afternoon & evening quietly here. Dr Scott thinks that Dr Laba & Mr Whitterme had better go to Mau Friday noon, but we should be glad to have them here as well. There is nothing going on either at Mau or Batticotta, but you will want to go over the College accounts

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Jaffna, Ceylon, July 29, 1901.

Dear Dr Strong,

At the request of Dr Barton I am sending you by this mail a photograph of the Ceylon mission and the Deputation taken together. I have written the names on a slip of paper and think you will have no trouble in identifying them. We number just twelve in the mission, of adults. The two children of Drs Scott do not appear in the group. Mr and Mrs Hitchcock and their two children, of the Jaffna College, do appear however. Mr and Mrs Elmer did not get in, but they are not really members of the mission, tho he is Inspector in the Col. I wish I had the time and brains to write you an article for the Herald but perhaps you will hear enough ~~from~~ in Ceylon from the members of the Deputation. We enjoyed their visit immensely. It was such a great privilege to have them in our homes for a few weeks. We shall never forget it nor cease to thank the Lord for all the help and encouragement they were to us.

With kind regards

Yours in His service

R. Hastings

Rev. R. C. Hastings

Batt. Aug 13

Dr Barton Ceylon.

I have been waiting for your bill for photos to come in before writing you, but I will not wait longer, but write again later. In reply to your requests —

(1) I ~~have~~ mailed Dr Stoy some days ago the photo of mission & also copy of your letter to the directors of the College. The letter to the churches Dr Lutt is having printed & I will send a copy when finished.

(2) With regard to Mrs Elmer's expenses home, yes I think it would be generous to pay her expenses to USA. Em might

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BATTICOTTA,

JAFFNA, Aug 22 1901.

Dear Dr Barton

I have forwarded to Dr Stone a copy of your letter to the churches & believe now that I have executed all your commission, except sending your bill. As soon as Dr Scott reports, I will report in turn to you

The Standing Com of the Bd of Directors met last Sat & we discussed several things. Mr Kingsbury's resignation was accepted & we voted to pay him Rs 30 a month for 1 year commencing with Sept.

We made arrangements also for bringing Man & Zilla Schools into closer relationship to the College.

We voted to have the Mortgage

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thought best. I suppos
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Bonds executed in Dr Howland's time, reserved and that will make matters financial all ship-shape.

One or two other items of minor importance were attended to.

With regard to the Local Endowment I have now about Rs 1500 in promises, only a small portion of which has been paid in. I propose to canvass the peninsula pretty carefully within the next two months, writing in the meantime to the "old boys" of India, Burma & the Straits.

At our communion on Sunday, two of the boys are hoping to unite with the church, – both from Christian families. I wish there were more.

Our term closes next week for 12 days vacation. Yesterday we had a prize contest in debate – the first of the kind. The boys did fairly well, & the sons of Pastor Sanders of Kandrie were the first prize. The Miscellany will be out next week, & I will send you two or three copies, & send 25 to Boston. Dr will be glad to learn that the Mandy Printing Press is doing somewhat better.

Some days ago I sent you 2 or 3 copies of the Ceylon Observer & also of a little tract on missions, at the request of Mr Ferguson of the Observer.

Our mission circle are all well. We enjoyed Mr Hatch's visit very much & I believe good was done

JAFFNA COLLEGE,
BATTICOTTA,
JAFFNA, ... 1901.

I suppose you will be moving on early next month. Before you leave I hope you will meet our foreign missionary. Mr Linnaluma's B.A. He was until a year ago, a member of our Faculty & is fine young man.

If you go to Madras be sure & visit the Christian College & write me what you think of it – if you can find time to do so.

With our united love to Mrs Barton & yourself, & warmest regards to the other members of the Deputation

Ever

Faithful

R. B. Hadley

Rev. R. C. Hastings

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JAFFNA COLLEGE,
BATTICOTTA,
JAFFNA, Oct 18 1901.

My dear Dr Barton

Your letter of Sept 24 should have been answered earlier. I have several times drawn out paper in order to write only to find that it was after 10 o'clock and time to be getting ready for bed. I have not been feeling quite up to the mark the past few days, so have commenced retiring rather earlier than my custom. I shall be glad to get a change at Kodai next year. We have followed your in your thoughts and have not ceased quoting the deputation yet. We rejoice more & more that we had your visit, & thank God for the encouragement & help your presence was to us. Mrs Hastings seems to think that my interest in the College has increased since Dr Barton visited Batt

JAFFNA COLLEGE,
BATTICOTTA,
JAFFNA, 1901.

And I may as well prove her statement by giving you first of all a report of our institution. We have the usual number present, - of scholars - but are hard up for teachers. Mr Kingsbury has left Batticotta for good and we are getting along without appointing a new man at present. Unfortunately Mr Newman is also away - summoned to Bombay by the illness of his daughter. He has been absent two weeks & will be absent another fortnight if not longer. We find it hard to get along without some one in his place.

The Endowment Fund remains at about Rs 2000 in promises. I feel that everything depends upon its being collected now - but unfortunately I am too busy & with recitations to leave now for the purpose of collecting money.

The man who does the

JAFFNA COLLEGE,

BATTICOTTA,

JAFFNA, 1901.

Paddy fields next to the College has just come to Jaffna and I am negotiating with him. But he wants nearly double the proper price for the land & so we must move slowly. I shall begin making inquiries elsewhere which perhaps will bring him to terms. There is not much difficulty about water now. I have 3 filters going & good water for drinking brought every day. The boys go out to the fields to bathe. But we must have a good well by the commencement of another College year — next May.

The repairs on the building are still unfinished, but finished or not I propose to move in by next week or so. The rooms are nearly ready for occupancy tho the front verandahs are not yet covered in. It has cost a good lot of money but the building is greatly improved & should last another 50 years.

JAFFNA COLLEGE,

BATTICOTTA,

JAFFNA, ... 1901.

together. We were glad to hear that your son and the rest of the staff of the Board have been received. Yours very sincerely, P. Hastings

The money from Am. has not come yet, but I expect it soon.

The annual Prize giving is to be held a week from today in quite a private manner as the building is not complete. I hope this will not make a bad impression upon the public.

Dr Scott has written you I presume about the annual convocation. I am sending you the Star which gives an account of it. The firm of Sling & Arbuthnot signed the paper drawn up by the Deputation, & the work has been better. But I fear they are not taking steps to buy new lyths or improve their plant. I have said to them that they must expect nothing more from us.

Daniel is busy with the deeds of mission property & I must get these all in order before the close of the year.

Mrs Hastings joins with me in sending warmest regards to Mrs Barton & yourself as well as to

Rev. R. C. Hastings

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JAFFNA COLLEGE,

BATTICOTTA,

JAFFNA, Nov 7 1901.

a deserted fruit suite you left.

Dear Dr Barton

Two or three days ago I received a P. O. money order for Rs 5 – which the postmaster said was from you. No letter of explanation has followed, so I am at a loss to know what it means.

The room occupied by Mr & Mrs. Elmer were pronounced unsafe & they are now with us having transported all their belongings. I shall have the tiles taken off at once before the roof falls in, but it means money for the repair of the Professors house.

We are all in usual health. The rainy season is here in earnest & it is damp (!) Yours in haste

R C Hastings

the receipt of the memorial to Archbishop Bourne in Oct. 1901 this Association with regard to the business and organization of the brotherhood, so that legally recognized to the interests might be Attorney General, the union to the A.G. & S.W.R. after long consideration was thought advisable that the Supreme Court should be approached for the recognition of the union. It was decided to write to the Archbishop, and he replied that the matter was referred to the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, and that it would be inopportune for the union to take an active part in the matter.

Colombo
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I must apologize for the delay in attending to the matter on which you ask my opinion. Pressure of current Court work & the intervention of the holidays have therefore my Chamber business into arrears.

Your letter does not state what the objects of your Mission are? I take it your Association is purely religious, educational & charitable & that its main & primary object is not the acquisition of gain. If this

be so it is outside the purview of Joint Stock Companies.

I understand from the particulars you furnished me that your Association is incorporated in America. The law is that a Corporation duly created in one State is recognized by other States but the transactions of the Corporation are governed not by the Law of the State creating it but by the Law of the place where those transactions occur - and of course by the Constitution of the Corporation. I do not know what the Constitution of your Corporation is - whether

for instance it empowers your Corporation to purchase & own lands in America & elsewhere & for what purpose. Our Law does not prohibit Corporations from holding lands. If therefore the Constitution of your Corporation empowers it to hold lands both in America & elsewhere the ownership of lands here will be valid as our Law recognizes ownership of lands by Corporate But aliens cannot in strict law own lands. In all other transactions sane and except the ownership of lands a foreign Corporation can be represented here by duly

constituted attorney so long as they conform to the laws of this Colony & are within the scope of your constitution. But your Corporation being an alien a question may arise as to its right & capacity to own lands here. It will therefore be prudent to apply for an Act of Incorporation & so obviate any difficulties on this score which may arise.

Yours faithfully

Frederick Dumbrill

Rec'd July 11.

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Jaffna, Ceylon, Feb. 18, 1902

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. Trustees J.C. Foreign Fund.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

I enclose statement of account of Jaffna College for 1901 which has been lying on my table for nearly three weeks waiting for a covering letter. You will note that I charge you $150.- for books and apparatus, which I am glad to say has nearly all been used. Also $150.- extra for Mrs Hastings' expenses according to your letter of March 19th. Salaries you will understand of course. I have charged only Rs1,000.- to repairs of Otley Hall though spending over Rs3,000.-. The balance of Rs2,000.- I took from College funds which lay in my hands uninvested for three or four months. I suppose by rights the interest of this amount should be charged to this account. I may add that I have invested this money this month, so now this account stands in debt over Rs1,500.- In addition we have commenced repairing the house where Messrs Hitchcock and Elmer lived with their families, and this will cost another Rs2,000.- I expect, as the building is in very bad condition. It is an old house and the walls need to be re-plastered. Many of the timbers are utterly unfit for use again. I think that I wrote you before you left Bombay that in the rainy season the roof threatened to fall in and Mr Elmer and family removed over to our house. The part that Mr Hitchcock lived in seemed safe and they remained on, but will remove over in a week or two while their end is repaired.

Mr and Mrs Elmer leave in two or three weeks via China and Japan and I must pay him traveling expenses. I suppose you will notify him the amount he should draw from me for this purpose, but it will be at

least six or seven hundred dollars I presume. So you see I need at least $2,000.- at once, — say £400.- This does not include salaries for the first 6 mos. I did not send you a report for your annual meeting thinking that you would represent things as you found them here in Jaffna, better than I could by letter. Another year I shall hope to send a report to be in your hands by Jan.1st.

The work has gone on quietly since you left and we are drawing near to the close of another College year. The percentage of loss this year has been less than for two or three years past. A dozen boys have left because they could not keep up with their classes or because of lack of money to pay their fees. Three or four others have left whom we were sorry to lose because they were good scholars;- one or two on religious grounds and one to prosecute his studies in Calcutta.

We are expecting to send in 18 boys to the Entrance (Calcutta University matriculation) examination on the 3rd of March. The examination is held in St. John's College, Jaffna, (C.M.S.) and lasts for five days.

Two weeks later comes the examination for F.A. (First in Arts) and B.A. We hope to send 14 in for the former and 5 for the latter degree. The term closes on the 26th March.

Mrs Hastings and I go to Kodaikanal for two months rest and may have to leave Batticotta before the close of the term. It will depend upon what arrangements we can make for going over. We were counting on having the Browns with us, and I was hoping to have many opportunities for exchanging opinions with him on a variety of subjects, but they have finally decided to go to Newere Ellia, our Ceylon Sanitarium. I must write you again soon on some other matters. In the mean time I will bring this to a close wishing you and Mrs Barton all good wishes for the new year.

Yoturs truly R.B. Hastings

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Jaffna College, Batticotta, 5-S-02.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. Trustees of J.C.Foreign Fund

Boston, Mass.

MAY 15 1902

Dear Dr Barton,

Your letter of Jan.27th mailed two days later, reached me this evening and I hasten to reply. We were very much pleased to hear of your action on the various questions brought up in Committee. It seems to me that $500. is a very fair allowance to make for the traveling of Mr and Mrs Elmer. You may be surprised to learn that they have already left, i.e. on the 3rd inst. They remain in Colombo over two weeks waiting for the steamer that takes them to China. They left Jaffna a fortnight earlier than they would have done had the Island steamers been ~~going~~ running to suit them. The boys read Mr Elmer an address and presented him photographs of themselves some of which I may send you later on. The copy of the address you will find in the next Miscellany, — which will be mailed to you in three or four weeks. I have taken up Mr Elmer's classes in Psychology and find it hard work as the text book taught here is so different from the one I studied when in College. One of his other classes has been given to a native teacher, and so we are managing to get along. The term ends on the 27th for a vacation of two months. I paid Mr Elmer's salary up to and including the day on which he and his family embarked, as is done in the case of missionaries. His fifteen days' stay in Colombo will be expensive and he may feel that some thing more should be paid him but I leave that for you to settle with him when he reaches home. Mr Elmer has had an offer to stay in China for 6 months, at Macao, Canton, to teach in the new College there but he has not yet decided what to do. If he remains there

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any time he will be paid by that institution, so I do not think he will be at all out of pocket.

With regard to Mr Elmer's successor I would like to say a word or two. On many accounts a married man would be desirable but the wife may break down in health, or find it dull here with nothing special to do, or miss the social pleasures of America. In case any of the above mentioned contingencies occur the man might be obliged to leave in a year or two. Of course it all depends upon the man, if he is the right sort and his wife likewise all will be well, but I look forward with some anxiety to the experiment.

It is very important, however, that he be a thoroughly consecrated Christian man as well as a man of good scholarship and culture. The last was lacking in Mr Elmer's get up with the result that he did not win the respect of the European community. Mr Mott when in Ceylon last December very kindly offered to pick out a good man should you wish him to do so, and perhaps it might be well to write him. You have been here and know what we want,— a man that will not be afraid of drudgery, one that will be dignified yet approachable, in fact a paragon. Such a man may not be easy to find. Would the Yale man be an ultra liberal man in theology? The East is very conservative and it will be the part of wisdom not to push new views of the Bible too fast. If a man has a good spirit and lives an earnest consistent Christian life he will have great influence even in a heathen country. It is the life that tells. If this Yale man gets the appointment by all means let him get his M.A. if possible, for it will help him here. Let him understand also just what he is coming to so that he may not be disappointed, as some of the new missionaries have been. And if you will pardon me I would like to urge the importance of his coming out at once i.e. by the end

of June. I do not see how we can possibly get along without him at the commencement of the College year.

As for a Theological class we should like to commence one in May if the proper candidates can be secured. Several have applied but they are not such men as we want. I propose to start a class if we can get at least two good men.

You suggest that I take a month or two to raise funds. It does not seem possible just now for I am crowded with work. I would take part of the vacation but Dr Scott thinks I should go to the hills and so we are planning to leave as soon as we can get a vessel to take us over. I may say, however, that on our return I am thinking of coming via Colombo and doing a little canvassing there and elsewhere in the island.

I need not write more now but will write of the term's work from Kodai.

Shall be glad to receive your draft for a sum of money sufficient to cover expenses on Otley Hall and the American Professors' houses both of which had to be newly roofed involving an expense of over $1500.- The $500. paid to Mr Elmer for traveling will bring it up to $2000.

Kindly remit as soon as convenient.

Mrs Hastings joins with me in sending cordial greetings

Yours truly

R.W. Hastings.

P.S. I have the opportunity of securing a very good man as a native teacher who is one of our "old boys" and has had several years of experience as a teacher in India. He is a B.A. and goes in for his M.A. next week. But I have no funds for this purpose and must lose this chance, for all I can see.

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Kodikanal, India 5-5-02

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Rev James L Barton DD
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton

Soon after the deputation left Jaffna, the mission took steps to ascertain whether its position in Ceylon as the holder of real estate &c &c was a legal one, and if not whether anything could be done to give it a legal standing. I enclose the reply of the foremost advocate in Ceylon. It should have been sent two months ago, but I delayed in order to see personally the Treasurer of the Madura mission and find out how they stood. Mr Chandler tells me that they have only Power of Attorney from the A. B. C. F. M. and it seems to me that this ought to be sufficient. But from the enclosed letter you will see that Advocate Dornhorst recommends incorporation under the laws of Ceylon. I will ~~visit~~ call on him personally when in Colombo and report again to you. If it seems best to be incorporated who shall be included in the corporate body? Only the missionaries & their successors, or missionaries, native pastors & laymen? I am inclined to limit it to missionaries but in this case all church compounds as well, must be held in the name of the mission. We await your reply.

We go down a week from today feeling much better for the change. With kind regards Sincerely

R L Hastings
Jean Allen.

Batticotta, Mar. 5, 1902.

Rev. R. C. Hastings,
Kodaikanal, May 5, 1902

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Colombo, May 15, 1902

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Rev James L. Barton D.D.
Sec. Trustees J.C. For. Fund

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of Apr 8, reached me here on our way home from Kodikanal. Thank you for the draft for £500 which I will hand to the Bankers tomorrow. I will report again concerning the state of the funds at the end of the half year. I have been drawing on local funds for repair of Oddy Hall and the Hitchcock home. These repairs should be met by the Foreign fund or at least from the Rs50,000 promised for new buildings.

The collecting for Local End goes on slowly. I can report about Rs3000 promised so far but very little effort to collect has been made. Just as soon as I am relieved, I shall do what I can to finish the collection.

Miss Leitch's plan is a good one except that the object in collecting from the "old boys" is to awaken enthusiasm in the College. I happen to know that they will give much more readily for an endowment which is used for Tamil teachers, than for buildings. I do not propose to ask outsiders until all the "old boys" have had a chance to subscribe.

We are rejoiced to learn that Mr Bicknell has been appointed. Where he may prove the right man for us. I do hope he will be along in June or July. They are good months for reaching Jaffna. & we need him at once. Mr Hitchcock ought to go home next year for a furlough & as soon as he returns

was for 3 or 4 years from

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Batticotta, Aug. 9, 1902.

SEP 12 1902

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. Trustees For. Fund of Jaffna College.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

I enclose Semi-annual statement of accounts which I trust you will find correct. Last year I charged you with Rs 1,000.- for repairs of Otley Hall and this year I charge you Rs2,000 more. The cost of repair was about Rs 3,800. so that you owe me on this acct. another Rs800. or so. There are a few little things that are not finished yet and so I will wait before sending in the exact amount. In addition to this we are now repairing the building occupied by Messrs Hitchcock and Elmer. I wrote you of its condition. I am having the old plaster scraped off and new plaster put on which is making a great change in the appearance of the building.* It will cost at least Rs2,000. You will thus see that I need another Rs 3,000 right away for buildings. Our salaries for the ensuing six months will be about Rs3,600 plus the salary of Mr and Mrs Bicknell which you have not reported to me as yet. I have not charged the College anything for Books and Philosophical apparatus this year, but would be glad of the same as last year i.e. $150. All told I need about £500 to finish the year.

With regard to the collection for the Local Endowment I can only say that I have secured subscriptions up to date, ~~of~~ amounting to nearly Rs5,000 or about half the amount aimed for. Only a little over one tenth of this has been paid in. We thought some of sending some one to collect in the Straits Settlements but that seems a mean way after all. What I am very desirous of accomplishing is to collect from each alumnus a subscription no matter how small. This will

* We hoped the old walls timbers so very dead that we have had to put on almost an entirely new wall.

awaken an interest in the College on the part of the alumni and amount to a considerable sum. If a canvass of all the alumni can be completed by the close of this year I can take the next long vacation in going to others. Now I want to ask a question or two. First are the repairs on the old buildings to be included in the amount promised from America? Say about Rs6,000 will be required. That means Rs 1,200 to be raised locally for the Endowment. I think that most of this will be paid in by the close of the year. But it takes away just so much from the total of course. Again, I am anxious to lay the foundations of the new Assembly Hall before Dr Scott leaves as I value his judgment in such matters. Have I authority to go ahead and lay the foundations this rainy season? It ought to be done before the rains so as to have the benefit of the settling process that goes on during the heavy rains. I should be glad therefore of a word from you by return post, as we say. Last week the Principal of the Central College, and his family (Wesleyan) spent a few days here. He was drawing up his plans for a new Assembly hall for his College,—80 feet long by 36 feet wide. He consulted me in several points and I learned that he had received orders to make out plans, estimates, &c, and send to England for approval. The amount needed has been promised i.e. Rs 50,000. Their policy is to go ahead and build and then insist on the money being sent,—from Eng. Now I would be glad if at least the foundations could be laid now and then we can wait a bit before going on. The President of our Directors Sir William Twynam favors this. He thinks the money will come in faster when people see that we have commenced work. I have no wish to run up a debt and so refer the matter to you and your Com for an opinion.

As for more land we are working quietly and slowly and hope to get what we really need in the course of time. But that is a matter of secondary importance at present.

I suppose Dr Scott has written you about the meeting of Directors, but possibly he has not. I have not thought to ask him. We had nothing very special before us. The salary of one teacher was increased by Rs 5. per mensem. Mr William John M.A., an old boy, was appointed a teacher on a salary of Rs 75. per mensem or Rs 15 per mensem higher that the highest salary we are paying now. This made a commotion among our teachers I regret to say, but gave very general satisfaction outside. He would have been a stong addition to our Faculty. Unfortunately the young man seemed to think he was bound to a certain institution up in North India and so refused our call. No one else was appointed but I have taken five recitations myself besides Prayers, and given Mr Joseph (College Pastor) five also thus taking away his time from personal religious work among the boys. This is not desirable but was the only thing to be done unless some not very desirable candidate was chosen as teacher. I have in mind one young man, now teaching under Mr Dickson, but he is anxious to study for the ministry and as he is a good candidate I hate to tempt him by any offer in the College. I have had also applications from three of our graduates, — all with B.A. — but they are not as earnest Christian men as I wish they were, Besides they all are employed and they may as well get a little experience before coming here. It has been hard for me, — very hard. I have never worked so hard in my life, but I comfort myself with the thought that I have been saving money which in these days of over-running is not a bad thing I have by teaching Psychology and Ethics fitted myself the better for teaching in a theological class next term. For we are to start a class of two students hoping others will come in after a while. The money sent by Mr Yeomans which you report in your letter of May 14, will be just enough to support a married man for one year in a theological class and I will write him to keep it up until the young man finishes his course. As Mr Yeomans is a connection by

marriage I hope you will not object to this use of the money as it will serve a better purpose than to give it to the Training school for which Mr Dickson is getting considerable in the shape of small sums.

One other thing . The Directors requested that we write you about the desirability of sending a young man to take Mr Hitchcock's place while he is at home on furlough. He plans to leave Jaffna at the close of March to be gone a year and a half. Now if we can have a man, good in science, here by May, he can take Mr Hitchcock's place and also keep on while we take our furlough which we must do in 1904. By the time we return Mr and Mrs Bicknell's time will be nearly over . We cannot get a Tamil man to take Mr Hitchcock's place for less than Rs150 per month and then there would be great dissatisfaction among the other teachers. I may say, however, that I suggested that we get a Tamil to take Mr Hitchcock's place but the Directors, especially the natives, were very strongly opposed to it. I hope therefore that this matter will receive your careful attention. From Mr Bicknell's letter received a few days ago I judge that he has some fear as to his being able to remain on in this climate. I feel sure that he will find no difficulty on that score, but if he should have to give up and go home we should be in a sorry plight. I feel that I have gone to the utmost limit of my strength . I have not been able to go about collecting money, nor have I been able to keep up my correspondence. Other things also have been sadly neglected owing to pressure of work. ~~Now~~ If it is a possible thing I hope another man can be sent out. Mr Mott of the Y.M.C.A. said that he would be glad to find a man for us, but of course I replied that you had the matter ~~under~~ in your charge. He might however be able to send you some names for further inquiry by you.

I think I have said enough and only hope I have not wearied you.

Yours truly

R.H. Hastings

I must not close this letter without a report of our present numbers. We have in the B.A. classes 7

F.A. .. 30 (Central College has 28 but no B.A.s)

Entrance .. 32

Pre-entrance ..36 Total 105.

We have lost two who applied for the B.A. class, because we could not take them in the Science course. The apparatus we have is insufficient and the only one who could teach them, Mr Hitchcock, had his hands too full to take up extra work. The term closes in about three weeks. We shall have prize eximinations in Bible lessons for each class and on the closing day Prize speaking and Prize debate. The Distribution of Prizes will be a public occasion and will take place the first or second day of next term, — about the middle of Sept. We hope to have Mr and Mrs Bicknell with us then, and they will be very welcome. I cannot say much of encouragement about the religious condition of the College. In talking privately with some of the boys in the upper classes I found that the principal reason given for not accepting Christ was because they did not believe in his divinity. On the other hand one or two cases of special interest rejoice our hearts and we are looking forward to Mr Eddy's visit in October with the hope that many will be led to take a stand for Christ.

There is nothing further of interest to report. You will be glad that you do not have to hear from me more than once or twice a year by the time you have gone through with this letter. Only a little over a year ago you were with us in Jaffna. You have little idea of the help you were to our mission and especially to us here at the College. I hope Mrs Barton has quite recovered her health. Mrs Hastings joins with me in sending kind regards. Of mission matters you have heard from others.

Yours truly R.E. Hastings

14 out of 18 in Entrance University exams in Jaffna (Matriculation)
F.A. .. 14
B.A. .. 4

Rev. R. C. Hastings 57

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Dear Dr Barton

Percy, second son of Dr & Mrs Scott died this morning at about 11 o'clock. He was taken suddenly ill yesterday afternoon & in spite of all the skill of the doctors, passed away within 24 hours. Mrs Hastings was summoned at 8 this morning and I was called out of the annual convocation of our churches which was being held at Batticotta, by the tidings that the dear little boy had been taken home by the Saviour.

Dr & Mrs Scott are crushed by the blow, but are bearing up bravely

Batticotta, Aug. 7

and are resigned to it
will. The blow fell so
suddenly and unexpectedly
— none of us can realize
that we shall see him no
more on earth. The funeral
services will be at Hornellsville
tomorrow morning at 9½
clock. The Doctor
will be writing in a
few days, so perhaps you
had better not inform
his friends in Canada.
They will be mailing
letters in memory which
will probably catch the
same mail. The boy
was 2 yrs & nearly 7 mos
old, & was a bright, lively
and apparently perfectly
healthy little fellow.
We know they will have
your sympathy & prayers.
With kind regards
Yours in haste
RH Hastings

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Batticotta, Jaffna, Oct.27,1902.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. Jaffna College Trustees.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

Yours of Sept.12th reached me a fortnight ago, and yours of the 23rd and 26th came together by the last mail. Thank you for the draft of £250. which I have already sent on to the Bank.

With regard to money for building, my judgment is ~~that~~ that it might be well to wait a little longer before sending money for the new Assembly Hall, but money for necessary repairs should be forthcoming even if the funds come in slowly here. I did not, however, mean to give you the impression in my previous letter that I wanted to start a 50,000 rupee Assembly Hall. About half that amount, or two thirds at the most, would be sufficient to put up a building which would include under one roof an Assembly Hall, Library, Reading Room, and Office rooms. The balance could be used in repairing existing buildings, and in getting furniture, books &c.

As to the collection of the Local Endowment I can report but little progress since I last wrote. I have written several letters and have collected a few sums in cash. I will report to you again a few weeks later. I have no hope that Sir William Twynam will give much more to the College. He gives a prize of ten rupees annually, and has given a donation of Rs100. to the Local Endowment, but he has had too much experience of the East to guarantee "promises to pay". Dr Scott's experience with his English school in the matter of collecting money is what we must expect also. The Misses Leitch collected less than half of what was promised here in Jaffna for the Oodoovil school. As to Mr William Mather you will be surprised to learn that he and his two sons

(who studied here) have subscribed only Rs50. among them to the Local Endowment. Of course he does not approve of the College remaining at Batticotta, and that may be one reason for giving such a small contribution. My own feeling however is that he has gone into so many commercial schemes that he is hard up and feels unable to give a large subscription. There seems to be some feeling ~~and~~ of distrust among the natives as to his financial status. If I succeed in accomplishing what I should like to do, before the meeting of your Trustees in January, I will cable, but I am not very sanguine of success. I thank you for your sympathy and co-operation and will do the best I can.

I think I have not reported the arrival of Mr and Mrs Bicknell, We consder them both a valuable acquisition to our force. Mr Bicknell has taken hold with interest and I am very much pleased with his spirit. He has revived ieterest in Athletic sports for which we are thankful. Cricket and Tennis (and occasionally football) are played every afternoon when the weather permits. He has taken hold of religious work also in earnest, and has had many a private talk with individual boys. He is undoubtedly liberal in his views but he does not press his opinions unpleasantly as some are inclined to do. On most questions I agree with him, so I have no fault to find. In a word they have both won their way into our affections.

With regard to a man to fill Mr Hitchcock's place I confess that I cannot look with favor upon the plan of getting along with a native. In the first place it would be very difficult to get a man with a knowledge of experimental Chemistry and Physics to fill his place. In the second place such a man, if one could be found, would have to be paid nearly as much per month as a man from U.S.A. In the third place he would not be willing to do what might be called the "drudgery work" which Mr Hitchcock does so well and so cheerfully. And lastly he would not

have the religious influence over the boys that Mr Hitchcock has and which makes him most invaluable. Could you not find a College graduate, an earnest Christian, whose tastes were scientific, who would be willing to come out for a smaller salary,—say $500.—for the sake of the experience he would gain? Or would it not be possible to get some church or persons interested, who would support in part at least such a teacher for a term, say, of four years. It seems to me that another man from America is an absolute necessity, and I hope the right one can be found. Perhaps Dr North of Hamilton College can help you to find a man.

We are half through the second term, the mid-term examinations having been held this week. There is nothing very special to report; the attendance is 106 which is not bad for this term. Of College news you will read in the Miscellany. Mr Eddy has been here and gone. He held Conventions in the three missions separately and finally one General Convention for all in the Fort church, Jaffna. Of these meetings others have reported, and it remains for me to give an account of those held in the College. Services were held morning and evening on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. He met the Christian boys by themselves at noon Thursday, and Sunday afternoon he met the Y.M.C.A committee besides preaching in the Batticotta church in the morning. On Saturday he met the Com. of the Student Foreign Missionary Society in their usual quarterly meeting. Besides these, two meetings were held with the boys in the High school, and one with the lads of the Araly Christian school. The rest of the time was spent in personal talks with the boys. Of course Mr Eddy was not alone. He had Mr Azariah a Tamil man and the Assist. Sec. Y.M.C.A. Madras with him all the time, and Mr Paramanathan another Tamil man from the C.M.S. Tinnevelly for two days. As to results;—Many of the Christian boys were very much stirred up, confessed their sins and I believe there will be a very decided change for

the better in the religious atmosphere of the College. Of the Sivites 18 expressed a wish to become Christians but full half of these had ~~not~~ called themselves Christians for some time and only needed to be brought to the point of confessing Christ openly before all. It remains to be seen how many of them will receive baptism and unite with the church. I hope all, but it would not surprise me if a few lost their interest. The sins confessed by the Christian boys were mostly sins of impurity and revealed a shocking state of things in the College. Sins of impurity are so common here in the East ~~that~~ and so little thought of that it is a difficult matter to know how best to deal with them. We shall watch with great care and anxiety the lives of our boys in future. Of course the real difficulty is to prove the offense and punish the offender. We rejoice that so much good has been accomplished by the visit of these missioners, and pray that the results may be abiding. I am specially thankful that my colleagues are so ready to assist me in looking after these lads.

I need not add more today. You will have material enough from my previous letter as well as from this to make out quite a report for the Trustees at their annual meeting in January. Nevertheless I will try to write again in a month or so, and give you the latest news of the College as well as mention any special subject that may seem to require your consideration. With kind regards

Yours truly

R. C. Hastings

Principal Jaffna College.

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JAFFNA COLLEGE, Batticotta

Oct 31, 1902

Dear Dr Barton

I regret to inform you that Dr Scott is far from well. For a month before Percy's death he was miserable having a little fever every day. Since his death — it is just two weeks today — he has been losing ground and is only able to drag himself about the house. He is very weak and quite unable to do work of any kind. We brought the family over to Batticotta a week ago and shall keep them as long as we can. If he gets no better, Dr Lerr thinks they had better start for home at once breaking the voyage for a month in Southern Europe

I write this to prepare you for what may have to be done as a last resort. He will keep on until next March if he possibly can, of that you may be sure

In the meantime I know we shall have your sympathy & prayer

With kind regards to Mrs Barton & yourself

Yours truly

R H Hastings

Jaffna Mission
Batticotta, Oct. 27, '02

HARRY WADE HICKS.

Rev. R. C. Hastings
Batticotta

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Rec'd Jan 1 1903

Nov. 27, 1902

Dear Dr Barton

Ans'd JAN 7 1903

At the mission meeting held at Batticotta on the 25th inst., Mr Dickson was asked to write a statement of the present state of affairs in connection with the Manepy press. He has done so and I hereby enclose his statement with the hope that the Bmd. Com. may grant us permission to use Rs 3000 of the Rs 4800 which lie to the credit of the Winslow Dictionary Fund, in the purchase of the presses, types &c now belonging to String & Asburg. We believe as Mr Dickson says, "that by this purchase

Jaffna, Nov. 27, 1902

a great deal of bitterness and ill will can be avoided and the cause of our Master strengthened in our having a good mission press.

As Mr Dickson is in a hurry to have this go at once, I will not write more now, but give you a fuller report of our business meeting later.

Yours in
R L Hastings
Sec. A.B.M.

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Jaffna, Ceylon, Dec. 8, 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec Trustees of Jaf. Col. Foreign Fund.

Boston, Mass.

Ans'd JAN 30 1903

Dear Dr Barton,

In my previous letters I have given you about all the news there is to tell about the College.. Our term closes on the 19th and the third and last term opens on the 5th January. The Test examination of the Entrance class of Calcutta University commences on Thursday of this week and lasts for eight days. We have 32 in this class and at least 20 of them (perhaps as many as 25) ought to pass. The F.A. and B.A. classes are not generally subjected to a test though there are one or two boys in the former class that we shall probably advise to stay out of the University examinations next March.

In Athletics the boys have been doing well led on by Mr Bicknell. Every afternoon when the weather permits there is cricket or foot-ball or both at the same time. Our campus is altogether tso small for all ~~that~~ who would like to play. Tennis too is indulged in by the B.A. boys and two or three others ~~that~~ who can afford to buy bats. I consider it a great gain to have this revival in sports.

Religiously we have considerable interest just now, partly at least as the result of Mr Eddy's visit. We are hoping that five or six boys may unite with the church next Sunday. The Christian boys are more careful in observing the "Morning Watch", and some are working for the salvation of others. Two boys have been formed into a Theological class and I hope there will be others to join later on. Inquirers' classes and classes for the study of the Bible are held every Sunday by Messrs Hitchcock, Bicknell, Joseph and myself, and about half the whole number of students attend one or the other of these classes which is en-

couraging. There is great need of more personal work among the students.

The health of the boys is not bad in spite of the unusual rainy rainy season we are having. In October it rained 23 days and in November 26. We have had rain every day so far this month, but this cannot last much longer. Whether there will be an unusual amount of sickness in January and February remains to be seen, but it would not be surprising if ~~sickness~~ malarial fever prevailed as a result of all the rain we are having.

The staff of native teachers is one short and has been for two terms. We shall have to get another teacher next year I think.

There are two or three matters of general interest that I should like to mention. First comes the subject of affiliation which is occupying our thought a great deal just at this time. You may have heard that the Viceroy of India (some time ago) appointed a Commission to inquire into the workings of the Indian Universities and to make a report including recommendations looking towards the improvement of the higher education of the country. This report has now been made public and some very drastic changes are proposed. It is rumoured that Lord Curzon is favorable to the report and that some beneficial ~~changes~~ reforms are likely to be introduced. One proposal is to transfer the affiliated schools in Ceylon to the Madras University , or to leave Ceylon to itself. We do not object to the transfer to Madras nor to the improvement of the curriculum, but just at this juncture the Director of Public Instruction for Ceylon steps in, condemns the Indian system and proposes that all Ceylon schools and Colleges take up the London University examinations. He is working to get the Government to insist that all students wishing to enter Government employment pass the London matriculation examination. If the Law and Medical schools of Colombo follow the Director's lead, as they are likely to do , it will place us in a very unpleasant position.

If we are thus forced to drop our connection with India and take up with London it will be a serious matter. My objections to London are as follows,

(1) the fee for the London matriculation is Rs30 against Rs 10 for Calcutta. This would keep out many boys.

(2) The London examinations are based upon English as the vernacular, while the Indian examinations are adapted to those whose vernacular is an Indian language.

(3) Very few will care to take the London B.A. if there is nothing to be gained by it. In other words we shall lose our B.A. classes and instead of being affiliated to an Indian University become only a "school" on the same footing as other schools in the island, and taking the London examinations. These it seems to me are the principal objections. We shall hold our own as long as we can, but if public opinion becomes too strong against us may have to yield later.

Another question that is bothering me is the questhon of funds. It seems quite sure that we shall raise at least Rs5,000. in hard cash for the Local Endowment. I do not yet despair of the larger sum, but it is hard collecting. Now if the Trustees in America will authorize me to have plans of a new Assembly Hall made by a competent architect (it will cost something of course) and if approved have the foundations laid and the walls built a few feet high, it will, I think, be a help in raising the balance of the money. Again I would like to suggest that efforts be made in America to secure donations of books such as "The Encyclopedia Brittanica" (the new edition about to be published) "Webster's Dictionary" (the latest edition) "The Century Dictionary," books of reference, biography, science, literature &c There may be persons interested enough in work here to give books who would not give money. I am no pessimist but I do not think we can rest on the past good name of the College. We must make advance , we must have modern equipment

and we must have a stronger staff. The people are too conservative here to see the need of keeping a little ahead of the times. In fact Jaffna is so isolated that many do not realize what is going on outside. We must depend upon America for help in taking an advanced position. For this reason I am anxious that another young man should come from ~~America~~ home. Mr Bicknell is kept busy most of the time and I rejoice at his spirit. Now for another like him to fill Mr Hitchcock's place,— a layman of the right kind will do.

I thank you for your great interest in the College, and I trust that we may not disappoint you and the other friends in America. With kind regards

I remain

Yours truly

R L Hastings

Principal.

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JAFFNA COLLEGE, Jaffna
Ceylon,
Dec 17 1902

Dr Scott and two children with Mrs Hastings, left Jaffna at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Colombo. The doctor has improved some the past fortnight but has very little strength, & very little control of his muscles. He is bright and cheerful, and I think is hopeful of recovery in time. So far as I know their plans, they expect to leave Colombo on the 30th inst for Port Said from which port they hope to go to Smyrna where Mrs Scott's sister is a missionary. They will probably remain there some weeks and then start for the home land about the latter part of April. I have advanced them money for traveling via Smyrna to Canada, but have not allowed any salary or allowance ~~while~~ during their stay in ~~the~~ Smyrna. Dr Scott has no doubt written you, & Mr Higgins will see them supplied with funds.

Mrs Hastings accompanied them because her help was needed. She will return as soon as she can. In the meantime Dr Scott's station work falls upon me & I am overburdened.

Would it not be possible to send out a doctor for Manepay at once?

Dear Barton
Yours truly
Rob Hastings

Dr Scott's illness & the exhaustion of the doctor's children are a great calamity & I agree with you about this. Doctor is so necessary to the work at Manepay that it would seem as if everything should give way to save him.

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JAFFNA COLLEGE,

Jaffna, Ceylon, Feb. 9, 1903

Ans'd MAR 24 1903

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. Trustees of Jaf. Col. Foreign Fund.

Dear Dr Barton,

I enclose the annual account of the foreign fund of the College. Part of these items were reported to you in the middle of the year, but I have brought them all together here for convenience of reference. The College is owing the mission Rs3685.13. Your bill of £150.- came in after the accounts had been closed; it sold for Rs2218.15 which makes the balance Rs 1466.98. On the other hand I shall have to advance Mr Hitchcock in a few days something like Rs 2,000. for traveling expenses home, and our salaries for the first six months (including the Hitchcock's for nearly three months) will amount to Rs4,300. In addition to these items there will be something more on extra repairs on the Hitchcock house making the total amount needed for the first half of the year not far from $3,000. or £600.- I should be glad if you could send this money as soon as possible.

Mr Hitchcock and family expect to leave Colombo on March 24, in the S.S. Derbyshire of the Bibby line. They tried but failed to get cheaper rates via Dominion line. The Agents at this end do not seem to have been instructed as to missionary rates, so both Dr Scott and Mr Hitchock engaged passage by the Bibby line where better rates were given. I hope Mr Wiggin can make some arrangement by which the low rate of the Dominion line will be available from this end.

Your letters of Dec. 1st and 19th received in due course. Thank you for your good wishes as also for the B/E for £150.- I will write you of mission matters next week.

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We have been making inquiries the past year or so about Encyclopedias, and have come to the conclusion that perhaps the "Century Dictionary and Encyclopedia" would answer our purpose here better than the Brittanica. Mr Wanamaker writes that they will let us have it at half price if I take a Club membership. Mrs Mills of California offers to defray all expenses connected with getting it here. Perhaps this is the best that can be done though I was in hopes that some friend in America might make us a donation of it. If you think best please have it purchased and sent out with the young man that we hope will be coming soon for the College. I think the three fourths morocco binding will be the most satisfactory. It is offered at $75.00 (half price) less $4.00 for cash down plus the membership fee of $1.00 I suppose.

We want also a Rotary Neostyle Duplicator. We have an old style duplicator but it is not very satisfactory, and we need something very much for preparing examination papers. Will not some one donate us one of these? Or will not special discounts be given if we buy.

You will be surprised to learn that the question of a Union College is being agitated again. The Wesleyan Synod of the North has unanimously passed a Minute to the effect that it is strongly in favor of a Union College and would be willing to do its part towards securing it. [I should say however that Mr Trimmer is away on furlough but expects to be back in two or three months.] This was told me privately by one of the Wesleyans so please say nothing about it at present. As soon as I get a formal notification I will let you know. In the meantime I should be glad of your candid opinion. The subject of union & co-operation is a favorite one in South India, and Mr Brown on his return

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from Madras was full of enthusiasm for some sort of union college. As for myself I have always been in favor of it provided it can be brought about. I would only stipulate that our native Directors be treated fairly, for this College is due mainly to the work of the Tamils who were bound to have such an institution. The tendency now-a-days seems to be to form schemes in which the natives have an insignificant part to play. I cannot altogether approve of this. I would far rather have the College as it is even though it might be a failure in some respects, than to have it under a white man Syndicate with a few Tamils thrown in to make it appear that they have an equal share. Not only about the College but about most other forms of work I feel that we should bear with the many mistakes of the Tamil than take the work out of ~~their~~ his hands. Pardon me, ____ I did not mean to get started on this subject.

Some days ago I wrote to Dr Miller of "Christian College", Madras, asking for his opinion about higher education, and have just received a very kind reply. I should like to quote a few sentences;-

"I think that to introduce the London (or any home) examination would do more harm than any other thing (of that kind) could possibly do. The objections to it are very many and very great in my opinion.....What Ceylon ought to aim at is to have a University of its own. I am always against things being done in haste or prematurely and I do not possess the data for saying how long a time ought to pass before this can be wisely done..... My advice is that you (and other Ceylon Colleges) should arrange to be affiliated to Madras for a time but should also at once try to move all concerned in such matters to set to work to form a University of Ceylon at the earliest date at which this can be done ~~eff~~ efficiently". Dr Miller is perhaps better fitted to

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express an opinion on educational matters than any other man in India. As for a Ceylon University we have advocated it strongly from father's time down to the present.

I am hoping to hear from you soon about your January meeting of Directors. Is there not danger of our losing money if the war against Trusts continues? I wish our money was somewhere else than in the Standard Oil Co. We are confidently looking for a young man from America to fill Mr Hitchcock's place. He ought to reach Jaffna by the middle of May, if possible, when the new College year opens. I can see that it will be considerable of a burden to the Funds in Am. but it seems a necessity. Cannot Mrs Hastings' salary be paid by the Board? She is doing village work and has no work in the College.

With kind regards and hoping to hear soon

I remain

Yours truly

R. L. Hastings

Principal.

Rec'd MAR 21 1903

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Jaffna, Ceylon, Feb. 14, 1903.

Rev James L. Barton, D.D.

Ans'd MAR 24 1903

Sec. A.B.C.F.M. Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

Enclosed please find the statistics for our mission for the year 1902 which I hope you will find satisfactory. I regret that these tables have been delayed, but it was hard work getting the statistics from all the churches. While both in membership and contributions the charches have not made the advance we had hoped for, yet we feel that real growth has been made and that it will be more apparent in the year or years to follow. Your letter re Mrs Marston's will has just arrived and will receive immediate attention. I may wait a little longer before reporting the two mission business meetings, held two weeks ago and last week.

I wrote you on the 9th inst. about College affairs, and had something to say about the "Century Dictionary." I received last evening a letter from Mrs Mills telling me that Mr Wanamaker had donated us a copy and that she would pay all expenses to Ceylon. This is a very generous gift and I have just written a letter to Mrs Mills, and also to Mr Wanamaker thanking the one for her interest in the College and the other for his very generous gift of a set of the Dictionary and Encyclopedia. I hope the books will be sent on at the first opportunity. I know you will rejoice with us. The books I ordered for the Theological class came last night and we were glad to get them. I suppose you considered Farrar's Life of Christ better than Sanday's.

With kind regards

I remain

Yours truly

R L Hastings
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

60 Rec'd MAR 31 1903

Jaffna, Ceylon, Feb. 21, 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D. Ans'd APR 15 1903

Sec. A.B.C.F.M. Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

Yours of Jan. 9th re Miss Marston and Vivisection was received last week. I have spent much time in going over records but have failed in finding anything very satisfactory. I am enclosing all that I have been able to discover in the Minutes of the Directors' meetings concerning the Medical department. Dr Marston was himself so bitter and cranky that the Directors had little to say at the time, and I imagine much was left unrecorded, which was a great mistake. I find nothing about Vivisection, but on speaking with two or three others we are agreed in thinking that the subject came up and that there arose no objection to the conditions laid down by Miss Marston. The correspondence with Dr Clark of which there must be copies at the Rooms, will tell you more I presume. Unfortunately Miss Leitch's letters to the College authorities at that time have not been kept on file, though I have all her letters to me personally. If I find anything of value in any of the letters I will forward later.

I enclose also an item from the Mission Records. Of our action last year you have a copy. With kind regards

Yours truly

R. C. Hastings

Sec. A.C.M.

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~~To~~ III. I From the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College held at Batticotta, June 23, 1888.

"The following resolutions were then moved by the Rev W. H. Hoveland and seconded by C. W. Cattararatchipilly Esq — "The Misses Leitch having proposed to raise funds in Great Britain to found a Medical Department in connection with Jaffna College, and now being engaged in efforts to that end, — Resolved

1.- That their proposal be accepted with thanks

2.- That in case the requisite funds should be secured, a Medical Department be connected with the College.

3.- That in view of the fact that the Medical Department of the American mission has been here-to-fore located at Manippay, and that suitable buildings are already in existence at that place, the Medical Dept. of the College be carried on for the present at Manippay.

4.- That in case the requisite funds be secured Dr H. J. Marston of London who has with high testimonials applied for

the position, be appointed to take charge of the Medical Dept. as Medical Professor

5.- That the American mission be requested to grant for the use of the Dept. at present, all the buildings at Manippay that have been here-to-fore occupied by the Med. Dept. of the mission, with the understanding that they shall be put & kept in repair by the funds secured by the Miss Leitch for the Medical Department of the College.

These resolutions were adopted."

The above is a true copy
R B Hastings
Principal Jaffna Coll

Jaffna, 19, 2-03

Jaffna, Ceylon
19th February 1903.

This document was signed before me this day.

T. C. CHANGARAPILLAI
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE N.P.

T. C. Changarapillai
Justice of the Peace
Jaffna, Ceylon

Rec'd MAR 31 1903

Page 13 II A Special meeting of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College was held at Batticotta Jan 31st 1891.

"A letter from Dr Clark, Sec. of the American Board was then read, and after considerable discussion the following resolution was passed:- 'Resolved that we are prepared to accept the proposal of the Misses Leitch as presented by Dr Clark, that the funds already collected and to be collected by the Misses Leitch for medical work in Jaffna, be transferred to the American Board provided the consent of the donors be secured. But we suggest that it may facilitate the securing of this consent if it is the understanding that these funds are to be used for medical mission work in North Ceylon, and having been secured in the name of the Directors, might be re-transferred to them whenever a sufficient amount is secured to make the work self-supporting.'"

Jaffna College
Batticotta, Jan. 31, 1901
Copy

Jaffna Ceylon
19th February 1903
document was signed this day
before me -
Thambangarajah
Justice of the Peace, Jaffna Ceylon.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE N.P.

The above is a true copy
R E Hastings
Jaffna, 19-2-03 Principal Jaf Col

III At a meeting of the American Ceylon mission held at Udupitty Jan 13, 1891 the following action was taken;—

"Two letters from Dr Clark dated Oct 10 and 11 were read making the proposal that the medical work of the Miss Leitch be taken up by the mission. A letter from the Miss Leitch to Mr Smith to the same effect was also read. After some discussion on this subject it was voted that we approve of Dr Clark's proposal to send out a medical missionary from America and favor passing over to the American Board of the funds already collected for the medical dept. provided the Board of Directors also favor it."

The above is a true copy
R H Hastings
Sec Am. Cey. Mis

Jaffna 18-2-03

Jaffna, Ceylon
19th February 1903
This document was signed this day before me

T. C. CHANGARAPILLAI
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
N. P.

T. Changarapillai
Justice of the Peace
Jaffna, Ceylon

MAY 15 1903

Rev. R. C. Hastings

Nuwara Eliya

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JAFFNA COLLEGE,

April 14 1903

ANS'D JUN 19 1903

Dear Dr Barton

Mrs Hastings and I have been up here now nearly six days, and are enjoying the change of air and scenery.

College closed on the 20th ult., three days after the Hitchcocks left, and from that day on until the 31st when we left in the "Lady Havelock" for Colombo, I ~~have~~ was busy paying helpers & Mareppa, Udumil, and Battiotta and in examining the registers of the Tellipally schools preparatory to their grant examination. We spent six days in Colombo and with the help of Mr Chittampalam, one of our "old boys" I succeeded in securing

subscriptions for the Local Endowment Fund amounting to Rs 965.00. On our way back to Jaffna I want to spend one more day there, in going about and seeing those I have not already seen, and hope to secure a few more sums.

We are boarding here with Mr & Mrs Gracie, and hope to stay about two weeks longer. Mr Gracie is Secretary of the Christian Literature Society for Ceylon. On his visit to Jaffna a few weeks ago, he heard of our wish to visit the Ceylon Sanitarium, and so Mrs Gracie very kindly invited us to be with them and made the terms so reasonable that we felt that we could accept. Ordinarilly this place is much more expensive than Kodaikanal which accounts for our never having been here before. The Miss Leitch were here some years ago, but they

had money of their own. Last year Mr & Mrs Brown were here but they have no children and could afford it. Nuwara Eliya is a very beautiful place, but we miss the missionary society of Kodaikanal.

A day or two after we reached Colombo, we heard that Mr & Mrs Lee had just sailed for England & America. Mr Samuel Green Lee, you well remember, was the Principal of Leitz College in Colombo, and I think you must have visited the place. Mr Lee is one of our "old boys" and an enterprising young man. His school the past year or two has been somewhat injured by Mr Ratnam who has been drawing away his pupils. Feeling the need of financial help and not being able to secure it in Colombo he has resolved to appeal in person to the public of England

and America. I suppose he has borrowed money for the journey hoping to secure enough to pay it back as well as get a fund for his school. It seems a great pity that he should do this, but he is a man of very independent views and not likely to listen to the advice of others. Nearly a year ago he asked me for a certificate, but I had no idea he was going to America or I should not have given him one, or at least I should have worded it differently. I understand from Mr Gracie that he is very bitter against the missionaries in Colombo. I write this to put you on your guard as he is capable of doing a great deal of mischief in the home land by his extravagant statements.

I learned in Colombo that the Wesleyans had purchased 5½ acres of land in Cinnamon Gardens for Rs 40 000, on which they propose

to put up their new buildings for Wesley College. "The whole scheme is to cost Rs 250,000.00 the large proportion of this cost will come from the XX th Century Fund." In Jaffna the Wesleyans are waiting for Mr Trimmer's return when we shall hear of their intentions. Mr Garrett the Principal of the Central College, Jaffna, has resigned and a Rev Mr Wilkes B.A. takes his place. The above facts may be of interest to you as you have been on the ground and know something of how we are situated. I have heard nothing further about a Union College.

You will be surprised to learn, as we were, that Mr S. Hensman our head native teacher has been called to his eternal home. He was suffering from a boil or carbuncle on his foot when we left Jaffna, but it had

been operated upon by the native doctor at the Jaffna Hospital and it was thought he was getting along all right and would soon be about as usual. Last Saturday I received a telegram from Jaffna announcing his death on the previous day i.e. on the 10th. I have had no letter yet and so cannot say what the cause was, but I presume blood poisoning set in. He has been connected with the College for nearly 30 years, and has been a faithful teacher. I valued him because of his long connection with the College his wide acquaintance with all the "old boys" and their fathers & friends. He was also a strict disciplinarian, and was a great help to us in maintaining order & discipline. His death creates a vacancy that must be filled, and I

presume we shall appoint one of our graduates — most probably Mr J. K. Sinnatamby B.A. who is now teaching under Mr Wallace in Madura and who wants to return to Jaffna. I must have some one before the beginning of the term. There are none but young men now on the Faculty and I wish very much Mr Hitchcock were here, but we shall have to do the best we can without him. I hope the young man we are searching for may soon be found. It would be a good thing if he could be here before the 1st of June, but I fear that is not possible. I hope however he will be here before August. You will understand how very necessary it is for us to have help at once. You have frequently spoken of my going about collecting funds, but I

hardly think you understand how very much tied down I am to the college during term time. And Mr Bickne is just as busy. Of course I expect to do what I can this vacation personally and by correspondence, and when we reach home again I will send you a full report. But I sincerely hope nothing will stand in the way of our having another American teacher just as soon as he can be secured and sent out.

I don't know whether you have heard from Jaffna recently or not. Mr & Mrs Brown, Mr & Mrs Dickson and baby, & Miss Howland left for Kodaikanal March 3rd. With the exception of Miss Howland, I think they do not expect to be back before the middle of May or even later. Miss Howland may

be starting down this week. Dr Leuze and Miss Root are the only ones in Jaffna besides me & Miss Bicknell. The former can not leave her hospital, & the latter is busy pushing the mission report through the press.

In one of your recent letters you refer to Dr Young. It does not seem possible for us to spare her to Madura after the year is up. Dr Leuze's hands are so full that she must have help, or there is danger of her breaking down. Besides circumstances are such that I do not think Dr Young will be happy long in Madura. As a mission we have refused the request of the Madura mission to have her transferred. We are sorry to do this, but on the whole it seems best and I think a number of the Madura missionaries think so too. If Dr Young prefers to remain there, we can say nothing.

We often speak of your visit to Jaffna, and wonder when we shall be privileged to see another deputation. Mrs Hastings has often wondered whether Mrs Barton was any better for her trip to India back. She sends her love and hopes she is keeping well.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely

R L Hastings

Rec'd JUN 1 1903

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Memorial Sermon.

On Sunday the 3rd Proximo, at 9 a.m.
a special sermon will be preached by

REV. S. ELIATAMBI

at Chavakacheri Church in memory
of the late

REV. T. P. HUNT.

You are cordially invited to be present.

CHAVAKACHERI
28th April 1903.

The Remains of
the late Rev. T. P. Hunt
will be removed for interment to
the Chavagachchery Burial Ground
at 4 P. M. to-day.

Chavagachchery,
24th. April 1903.

Rec'd MAY 28 1903

Nuwara Eliya, Apr 24.'03

A wire received this morning from Jaffna announces the death of Rev T. P. Hunt of Chavagachcheri, yesterday, of typhoid fever. No particulars received yet. He was one of our leading men, and the pastorate has suffered a serious loss. I will send you particulars or a short sketch by a later mail. We have now 9 churches without pastors of the 18 in our mission. It is getting to be a serious matter.

We expect to be back in Jaffna a week from tomorrow. Hope you have a good rest. With kind regards

Yours truly
R. C. Hastings

BOSTON, MASS. MAY 26 1903

Rev. R. W. Hastings 67
Colombo, Ceylon
April 30, '03

ANS'D JUN 19 1903

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of Jan 6. asking for certain data was received nearly three months ago. I did not reply then because I was not quite sure what arrangements would be made for the Batticotta station. The fact is in the large station of Batticotta (or Vaddukkoddai as it has decreed it shall be called hereafter) with one third of the population found in the territory of the Ceylon mission,

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are receiving help fro
the A. B. C. F. M.

There is one preacher,
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L. Barton Esq
National Home
Boston.
Mass.
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an ordained man who formerly was pastor at Oodooville. He left to accept a position in Singapore. On his return he decided not to enter the pastorate but to accept a position under the mission as catechist or preacher. He is now paid Rs 2. monthly by the Y. M. C. A. of Jaffna College & Rs 18 by the mission. He has three small islands which he tends. Outside of his own family I believe there are but three Christians in these islands. There is one school only supported

and controlled by the
College Y. M. C. A. This
is all I need write now.

We left Nuwara Eliya
yesterday & take the
island steamer for
Jaffna tomorrow. Mr.
Newland came from
Kodaikanal, India, this
morning and sails
with us tomorrow.

I will write you
again soon. In the
meantime kind
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Sincerely

Chas Hart

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Miss L. Barton
Congregational House
Boston
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Vaddukoddai, Jaffna
July 22, 1903

Rev James L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M. — Boston

Dear Dr Barton,

Enclosed please find Estimates for 1904. We have tried to keep them down as low as possible, and have succeeded in making the total asked for, less than the amount of our Estimates for 1903. We have included salary for Dr Young, but not for Dr Scott. The total asked for General Work, A.B.C.F.M. is Rs 8,006.00 and from Women's Board Rs 2,938.00. This latter sum does not include the $200. for U.F.B.S. which we hope will not in future be included in the Appropriations, but be reported separately. We sincerely hope that our Estimates ~~can~~ will be granted in full; we do not see how we can get along with less.

I will be reporting our Mission meeting in a few days. With kind regards

Yours truly
R. Hastings
Sec. Mission

C.M.S. SEP 24 1903

Atoly East, Batticcotta, Jaffna.
22nd August 1903.

Dear Madam,

Being fully convinced of your sincere and deep piety and your burning zeal in extending the interest of the kingdom of Christ all over the world, I beg to lay before you the following facts & circumstances in hopes you will give them your best and most earnest attention.

I am the son of Mr S. Chinnappa of Atoly East. My name is C. Chelliah. I have now attained the period of youth, being 18 years of age. Ever since I was a student under Mr S. Spalding I have been under deep conviction of sin and by the grace of God led to believe in Christ as my blessed and dear Redeemer ever willing and ready to accept and bless every poor helpless sinner that truly repents of his sins, forgiving all his sins & bestowing upon him all the blessings & privileges purchased by the shedding of His infinitely precious blood on the cross. My kind teacher often asked me to pray in the school which was the first step that led me to the feet of my blessed Redeemer.

Mother is a Christian, too, but she married against her wish was married to a heathen husband. Father is dead against my joining the Church and persecutes me when he happens to see me reading the Bible, praying to my heavenly father and attending divine service. So I was obliged to give up reading the Bible but continue my prayers to God in my closet. When he happens to notice me going to church or reading the word of God, he wounds not only roundly abuse me but threaten me with severe punishment and even death. He refuses to defray the expenses attending a Christian education of which I stand in absolute need. From the above you will clearly see

dear madam, what a sad and heavy affliction I am placed under. The fire of persecution is being daily fanned to a flame so much so that, but for mother's kind interference, I should have been either put to death or turned out of doors long ago. Now, Father won't allow mother to have anything to do in the matter. So she also suffers many wrongs on my account. I am being sorely troubled & tortured daily & so much so that I am driven to the necessity of seeking some protection from all such persecutions. I am quite at a loss what to do. For many weary months I have been robbed of my comforts and rest. One day as I lay in bed brooding over my afflictions, a happy thought, evidently from God, flashed across my mind. Your dear blessed name ~~occurred to me~~ dawned upon my heart and trusting that my sad condition will move your loving, generous & sympathetic heart, I ventured, under God, to pour out all my cares, fears and sorrows into your tenderest bosom — a bosom ever burning with ardent desire of relieving all such persecuted children of God, — a bosom ever yearning after the salvation of poor sin-sick souls, — a bosom that thirsts after jewels for the Crown of Jesus Christ — a bosom that not only listens with pity to every sad tale, but is prompt and willing to respond to all ~~such~~ appeals for aid.

I am extremely sorry to say in this connection that Father has kept my elder brother in gross ignorance & he would, I am afraid, spoil me also by denying me the blessings of education the moment I make a public profession of Christianity. ~~I also~~ My great object is to thoroughly consecrate myself to the service of my Lord Jesus Christ and to do so I should possess sufficient knowledge. If you wish to know further about my story I beg to refer you to Revs R. C. Hastings & B. K. Rice, as well as Messrs Buell & Thompsitt, Dist Inspector.

P. I shall therefore be very much obliged if you will be so good & generous as to take upon yourself the responsibility of giving me a collegiate education and afterwards making me a Theological student - I cannot remain at home without making myself useful - I cannot take any bold steps now for if I do, father will carry matters to extreme and turn me out adrift for myself in the wide world - So long as I am under the care of father, I cannot have my own way unless there is somebody who would support me under my heavy trials. Pray for me, dear madam, and kindly respond to my earnest appeal. Father desires me to not to give up Bavaism but I answered him in the negative & consequently he determined not to spend even a cent upon my education - I have not a single soul to sympathize with me. My faith is in God & pray to him for deliverance from the persecution caused by my father, neighbours, relatives & friends.

Wishing you all temporal & spiritual & eternal happiness & comforts & hoping to be favoured with a reply in the affirmative

I remain
dear madam
Yours sincerely
S. Chelliah

My address
S. Chelliah
c/o E Spaulding
Araly north
Batticotta
Jaffna.

Address
Rev. R. C. Hastings M.A
Jaffna College
Jaffna
Ceylon

I wish to learn in the Jaffna College

Rev. Richard C. Hastings

Rec'd NOV 3 1903

Jaffna College,

Ans'd NOV 18 1903

JAFFNA, Sept 30 1903.

Rev James L. Barton DD
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of the 9th Aug. came to hand this evening, and I will not wait to draft an official reply, but send a few lines at once to assure you that I mailed to your address, May 12th, 10 copies of our mission report. On the same day I sent 10 copies to the Women's Board. Did they not receive the package?

I am sending by tomorrow morning mail 10 copies more to you

Duplicate, Aug. 28/03
Addressed to Rev. R. C. Hastings

and the same number
to the Women's Bd & that
they will reach you in
safety. I cannot under-
stand why you did not
receive the former package. The Post-
master says ~~they~~ it left
Batticotta all right.
I have still a few copies
which I can send you
if needed.

Mr Ward reached Jaffna
on the 19th inst and
~~on~~ has commenced work. I
hope he will prove the
right man for us. The
Miscellany will be mailed
you in a week or so
from which you will
see the amount of our
collections for the Local Endowment
^ We are in
need of more money —
say £500, to finish
the year without debt.
Please remit. Will be
writing you again soon.

Yours in haste
R. C. Hastie

Rec'd DEC 26 1903

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Jaffna, Ceylon, Nov. 20, 1903.

Ans'd JAN 1 1904

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Sec. Trustees For. Funds of Jaf. Col
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

Your letter of Oct. 9th came to hand a fortnight ago, and I have used my spare moments ever since in hunting up the facts which I have put together rather hastily, and now enclose. I trust it will prove what you want. I will enclose a statement of accounts in a few days. My writer has made them out but I want to verify them and copy before sending on to you.

You have a private printed pamphlet prepared by Dr Howland I think, only a few years ago, which gives the history of the College and many facts of interest. I do not possess a copy but would be glad if you could spare me one.

As for photographs I will see what I can do and report later. I have made an engagement with the Photographer for Monday but I really do not know what new views I can send you.

Our ~~new~~term closes in three weeks for the Christmas holidays, the third and last term opening on Jan. 4th. We are getting along very well. Mr Ward seems a good man and is getting into harness. Mr Bicknell I like better and better every day.

I hope to write you on mission matters ere long. I sent 25 copies of the Miscellany a few days ago. Also a copy of a new religious Quarterly edited by one of our Christian Advocates assisted by three missionaries from the three missions which I think is very good for the first thing of the kind ever published in Ceylon.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours truly
R. E. Hastings

Jaffna College, Dec. 3,1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. Trustees of J.C.Foreign Fund

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

I owe you an apology for not sending the semi-annual statement of account some months ago. As you know Mr Brown was made Treasurer of the mission at the beginning of this year, and the acct books were transferred to Udupiddi. The Treas. writer generally makes out the account by or before Aug.1st, but this time he forgot it and I was too busy filling Mr Hitchcock's place to remember that such an acct was due you. It was only a fortnight ago that the writer gave me the statement and then I found one or two mistakes and I had to copy it myself. With next year I hope I shall have a writer of my own, and be enabled to keep up to time my correspondence and accounts.

You will note that I have charged $75. for Library and an equal sum for Philosophical apparatus for the year 1902. These sums were voted by your Com. I believe, but I failed to get them entered into last year's account. Mr Hitchcock's travelling is a large item. He wrote me that he had rendered you his account. I charge Rs4,000 for extra repairs. There will be a balance of about Rs400 to charge by the end of this year. This will finish up this account for the present at least. You may be glad to know some of the details.

Otley hall cost	Rs4,339.94	
Less sale of old tiles and timbers	475.88	Rs 3,864.06
Repair of the Hitchcock house		5,133.53
Partial repair of one Dormitory		332.07
Repairs on Native teachers'houses		969.53
Total		10,299.19

Of this amount I charged in the acct for 1901	—	Rs 1,000.
.. .. 1902	—	5,170.89
.. 1903	—	4,000.
Total		10,170.89

I have collected on Local Endowment cash down about Rs1600 and shall make it up to Rs2,000 by the end of December. This will call for Rs10,000 from home, so you see I am trying to keep within the limits.

Now as to what amount is needed for the last six months of this year 1903. Our salaries including Mr Ward's will amount to about Rs4,000, and the balance of repairs, say about Rs500. Then I should be glad if your Com. could vote $75. for Library and $75. for Philosophical apparatus for 1903 as was done for 1901 and 1902. I am not sure but that the original vote extended for a period of five years. However it will do no harm to ask again. As for the Library we have purchased the books and need the money. The money I have on hand for apparatus I would like expended the coming year while Mr Hitchcock is in America as he knows just what apparatus we have and just what more is needed.

All these sums will come to about £650. I wish I had written you earlier as it will be impossible for you to get this amount to me before the accounts for the year are closed. However please send it on as soon as possible so that the mission Treas. may not be embarassed for funds.

I wrote you last on the 20th Nov. in reply to yours of Oct 9 I am having two or three new photos taken which I will be sending you in a few days. We are very busy now with the closing examinations of the term. I hope to write again during our holidays.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season and with kind regards, I remain

Yours truly R.E. Hastings Principal.

Rev. R. C. Hastings

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Rec'd FEB 15 1904

Jaffna College, Ans'd FEB 17 1904

JAFFNA, Jan 5 1904

Dear Dr Barton

I want to write you briefly tonight on a private matter, but will be reporting for the mission in a few days.

We are considering whether it would be possible for us to return via China, Japan & the Pacific. We are anxious to see something of China & Japan & I should be glad also to visit Honolulu when as you may know some of our relatives are living (the Judd family).

Would you approve of our returning that way and how far would

our expenses be met by College funds. Of course we have not money of our own to put in on such a trip, but we would be willing to travel cheaply for the sake of ~~coming~~ going home that way.

Miss Stewart is planning to leave in April. The death of her brother's wife will probably hasten her departure. We hoped that she would wait and come with us in May.

I gem I do Mrs Scott will not be back before the end of the year, but if we wait until Sept. we shall get home in cold weather. And our children will be busy in school. Whereas if we left in May

before the setting in of the South-west monsoon we would reach U.S.A in time to be with our children a few weeks before school commences. It will be hard for Mr Bickneld but he is a man of rare good sense and can be trusted. Besides the Hitchcocks will be back perhaps by Sept or October. I write now to know whether you would favor our returning via the Pacific, and secondly what allowance can be made for expense of travelling.

If we return via the Mediterranean & the Atlantic we ought to secure passage at once so please drop me a line if possible by return mail.

Mrs Hastings suggests that the new mission in the Philippines ought to be visited on our way back, but I fear that is out of the question.

The deputation from Madras made us a flying visit & I enclose a clipping from the Observer. There is not much to report re their visit.

With kind regards & wishing you all a happy new year

Yours truly

R.H. Hastings

THE MADRAS UNIVERSITY DEPUTATION.

DEPARTURE TODAY.

The above deputation—Mr. C. A. Paterson, Registrar of Madras University, and Rev. Jas. M. Russell of the Christian College—who were to have come in September, but that Mr. Russell could not get away then, arrived in Colombo today *en route* for Madras *via* Tuticorin whither they sailed this afternoon by the "Waroonga." They wished to cross to Paumben by dhoney, but were unable to get a boat at Jaffna; and have travelled south by road, and *via* Matale and Kandy. The deputation's visit out of term time was not a mistake, as suggested, as they wished merely to visit the College buildings and investigate their equipment &c. They were asked to come as a result of the Indian Universities Commission's recommendations, the Bill based upon these being likely to delimit the Calcutta sphere, so as to exclude Jaffna which is at present affiliated to it and force Jaffna into the hands of Madras! Madras, however, whose degree is of a much higher standard than Calcutta, is not anxious for the attentions of the Northern Ceylon Centre and on questioning Messrs. Paterson and Russell today, we find they are likely to declare against Jaffna being affiliated to them if Ceylon is declared to be within Madras's sphere. They are of opinion that Ceylon, Colombo especially—in its great variety of Colleges—has the nucleus of a very fine University and could not fail to pay very soon, if not from the start, even if the standard set were a moderately high one. About R5,000 would cover the cost of clerical and administrative work to begin with.

A matter of opinion. The most talented men in India are Calcutta graduates. The matriculation exam of C. is undoubtedly easier than that of Madras

the experience that Miss Howland has had, and naturally the work will be more wearing upon her. If she breaks down, there will be no one in the mission who can be spared for Uduvil, and the school may have to be closed. Please do what you can to secure some one. It will not necessarily mean that there will be three ladies at Uduvil later on. Miss Howland may not come back, or may not wish to go back to Uduvil if she does return.

Dr Burr I think will remain three years, until the Scotts come back. With kind regards

Yours R C Hastings

Rev. R. C. Hastings

REC'D MAR 4 1904

Private

Jaffna College

Jan 30, 04

ANS'D MAR 10 1904

Dear Dr Barton

Just a line in order to emphasize our need of a lady at Uduvil, to take Miss Howland's place.

Miss Root, I fear, will be physically unable to stand the strain. The responsibility is much harder to bear than the actual work of teaching. She has the language fairly well, and knows something of the people, but she has not had

REC'D MAR 14 1904

REC'D MAR 15 1904

REC'D MAR 25 1904

Jaffna Ceylon, Feb 8. 1904

Rev James L. Barton DD
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Dr Barton

Enclosed please find the Annual Tabular view of our mission for the year 1903 which I trust you will find correct.

With kind regards
Yours truly
R. E. Hastings.

Rev. Richard C. Hastings.

Private

Jaffna College,

JAFFNA, April 13 1904

Rec'd MAR 16 1904

Ans'd MAR 25 1904

Dear Dr Barton

Mrs Hastings and I are somewhat troubled about the education of our two older girls. One is a Soph. in Smith College, but she will be 20 years of age next September and the Board book says that after this limit has been reached the stipend from the Board will no longer be given. We should very much like her to finish her

Dear Dr. Barton

I am sending a copy of Mrs Hastings' letter to Miss Dean. We are very much regret that Mrs Hastings

Rl Hastings

Please send another copy when Mrs Hastings writes from your letter

Dr. B.: Pr $500 in College at Oxford or even as possible.

course in college, but we see no hope of it unless this help can be continued for two years longer. Can this be done? He would be very glad if the Prudential would grant us this favor.

Our second child is 18 this month so there is time still, but we hope our request for Anna may be granted.

The breaking out of war between Japan & Russia will put a stop to all thoughts of returning via Japan & San Francisco I fear. We sincerely hope that England will not be

involved for it would affect us very seriously if she were. That God may over-rule this war for the furtherance of his cause is our prayer. I do not see how I can possibly leave until after the new College year opens in May. This will bring it to a bad time for travelling across the Indian ocean — in the teeth of the south west monsoon, and I dread it exceedingly. Miss Howland has secured passage for April 5th in the "Chestnut" of the Bibby line.

In your letter of Jan 1st received a few days ago you speak of the editorial in the Star on Caste. I think it was too strong in that it ~~did~~ took only the state of things that exist in the Lilly & Baltic colleges churches especially and completely ignored the non-caste that exists in Madurai & Tinnevelly are two strong spiritual churches but not no Christians and of course it has led to many bitter attacks in Union papers against the missionaries. This however will do us good.

Thank you for the copies of Dr Hutchinson's pamphlet I think I acknowledged you

Private

Rev. R. C. Hastings

REC'D APR 18 1904

Jaffna College,

ANS'D MAY 4 1904

JAFFNA, Mar 12 1904.

Dear Dr Barton

I am writing this without consultation and on my own authority, but I think you ought to know the facts.

I presume you have heard of Dr Ling's illness. She has been confined to the house (& most of the time to her room) since some time in January, six or seven weeks. She has a weak heart and has had rheumatic fever and quite ill some of the time. That is to say the symptoms were alarming. She is better now, but still in her

room. Mrs Hastings has been with her two or three days at a time, for several times, and has just gone over this afternoon to spend Sunday with her. Dr Ewing herself thinks that the Jaffna climate does not suit her, and it looks very much that way. As soon as she is able to be moved, I hope she will consent to go to Kodaikanal. In the meantime would it not be well to transfer her to India? I do not know how she feels about it, and I would prefer that you would not mention my name. She has been doing excellent work and her relations with other members of the mission are most cordial. There seems to be no friction now between the two Hospitals, and as a mission we would greatly regret her leaving us. Naturally Dr Ewing will not care to be transferred having but recently returned from India. I do not see what else can be done. Perhaps after a trip to Kodai she will be all right & it may be well to wait before taking action. Mrs Brown leaves for Nuwara Eliya on Tuesday and is now much better than she was. We are hoping the change will completely restore her health.

Miss Howland leaves in S.S. "Ohesbie" April 5th via London.

We have not secured passage yet, but hope to leave the latter part of May. Dr Curr will remain until next year before taking her furlough.

The University exams are on, and we close our College year on the 25th. I ~~have~~ printing a catalogue & hope to have it finished by the 1st of May. Will send you some copies.

With kindest regards

Sincerely

R. A. Hastings

Rev. C. Hastings
Colombo
May 28. 1904

Rev. J. Barton

AUS'N JUL 13 1904

I enclose account
College up to date which
shows a balance due us
of Rs 3339.71. Add to
this the salaries of Messrs
Bickwell & Ward up to
June 30 and also expense
of printing College Catalogue
which will be Rs 100 or
so, and we have a total
of over Rs 5700 or nearly
£400 due the College
June 30. Please remit
this amt to Mr Brown
at your earliest convenience.

I may say by word of
explanation that the usual
semi-annual a/c was not
sent in Jan. because
I had sent you a state-
ment less than two mos
previous & thought you
would not care for another

Rs 2400 for this
Local Funds, besides
Rs 1000 by
gen. Fund
to Fund
Scholarship

Please accept the enclosed in place of the semi-annual statement of June 30 1904.

I have much to say but little to write. A day or two ago I mailed you 20 copies of the new College catalogue which I hope will please you. Mr Dickson did his best in the printing and has succeeded fairly well. It is the best appearing (as well as the longest & most complete) the College has ever issued I take the liberty of charging the cost to the Foreign Fund.

Our Directors meeting was held on the 14th and was very fully attended. Sir Wm Ingram was not only present that day, but made a special trip on the Monday following to Batticotta to have a long talk

with me on College matters.
On the day we sailed from Jaffna he sent a man with a long letter embodying his views, to catch us at the boat. This letter I shall send you on reaching Ceylon.
We appointed one of our "old boys" as a new Director in place of Mr Cattiravelupilly, Magistrate, recently deceased. Mr Brown was appointed Treas, but I still remain the legal Attorney of the College, as it was not thought necessary to change just now.
A Committee was appointed to meet the Wesleyan Com to discuss a Union College. Mr Brown is very enthusiastic for it, but Sir Mr Ferguson is dead set against it. The Tamil Directors

nearly all are opposed to union, but whether they will have courage to stand out against it remains to be seen. My own views are expressed in the "Brief Sketch" ~~at~~ in the closing pages of the College catalogue.

Mr Bickell will act as Principal until Mr Stitch's return.

We have just heard the results of the last university exam. We passed one of the two in BA and 9 of the 12 in FA. In Entrance we pass 5 (possibly one or two more) out of 18. Good in the College classes but poor in Ent. Our comfort is that we did the best of all the colleges.

We leave Columbo June 16 & hope to be in Am by the 10th July. With kind regards

Sincerely

R. E. Harding

Rev. R. C. Hastings REC'D JUL 13 1904

69 Elm St.
Hartford
July 12, 04

Dear Dr Barton ANS'D JUL 13 1904

As you have no doubt heard, we arrived in Boston before 8 A.M. on Saturday having had a very pleasant trip over. We reached Hartford at 3. and found our children well and delighted to have us back. My mother has grown older since I last saw her, but my sister Miss Wood who was here when we arrived looks just as she did when I saw her last — 11 years ago. We propose to remain here a week longer and then go on to a little village in Duchess Co. N.Y. called Upper Red Hook where with our four children we plan to spend a few weeks.

We were very much disappointed in not seeing you in Boston, but Mr Hosmer told us you were out of the city. We were, and are still, anxious to know if the Bd. Com will not allow us the usual stipend for our oldest daughter Anna for another two years. She is 20 yrs old in Sept and has just finished her Soph year at Smith. If she could receive the $250 for another two years it would enable her to finish her course at Smith. It would be very hard for us to meet that sum from our own pocket-book, and we sincerely hope the Bd. Com may grant our request. I don't know how we shall manage for our own support on the small allowance from the Bd. but we shall

make the attempt. Prices have gone up since we were home last, and the cost of living is 30 to 40 per cent dearer I am told. We have made no plans for the fall & winter, but hope to come to some decision before long. Very much depends upon what the Bd. commissioners as to continuing the stipend to our daughter. I wish we might see & talk over matters with you. Please write as soon as convenient.

I have heard no Jaffna news since we left and should be glad of any items of interest that you could send me. Is Miss Bookwalter to go to Udaiyil? When do the Scotts and Hitchcocks return? Our men on the field are overburdened and need relief.

I hope you received the copies

of the College Calendar I sent you from Colombo.

Mrs Hastings and I are quite well and anticipating much benefit from our rest at home.

With kind regards to Mrs Barton & yourself in which my wife joins

I remain

Yours truly

R L Hastings

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Rec'd AUG 2 1904

July 28. 1904

Ans'd AUG 2 1904

Dear Dr Barton

Just about an hour before we went on board our steamer at Jaffna I received this letter by special messenger with the request that I lay the facts before the board here. The letter gives a fairly correct view of the situation. In reporting the Directors meeting I reported the amount of local debt. This I think can easily be settled if only we can have income enough to meet the ordinary running expenses of the College. Prices of foodstuffs have gone up during the past decade & labor is nearly fifty per cent higher than it was some years ago. In Jaffna town teachers of little or no experience are paid from Rs 50 to Rs 65 monthly, while men of longer service get from Rs 75 to Rs 100 and over. Our staff is very good now since our two older teachers have been removed. No one has had less than 5 years experience, and all deserve an increase. Sir Wm Ingram's proposal amounts to this:- Let us have the Rs 25 000 now so that we may use the interest for local needs. Then when the Rs 10,000 has been collected locally we will be able to get along, & the sum given (i.e. Rs 25,000) plus the additional sum due would help us to put buildings in good order & to get new apparatus.

I think the Bursary Fund had better not be touched unless you think that

it would not be wise to let us have the interest on Rs 25,000, but let the interest not needed (of the Bursary) be added to Principal as I have been doing the past 5 years until the fund amounts to what it was before the failure of the Bank

I must mention one other fact i.e. the salary of Mr Joseph, College pastor & teacher of Bible. When he was appointed by Dr Howland 8 years ago he put his salary on the Mrs Sh Johnson Fund some Rs 4000 of which was then in our hands for any use we chose to make of it. This fund is now nearly exhausted and next year Mr Joseph will have to be dropped unless some way is provided for his support. Personally I think he ought to go into the pastorate, as he was trained by me for that work, but in that case we shall need some one else as teacher. Mr Joseph gets but Rs 40 a month or Rs 480 annually.

I should be glad to hear from you about this as soon as convenient. I promised our native teachers to do what I could to get their salaries increased as they seemed much discouraged.

Yours truly

R L Hastings

Accompanying the letter of Sept 17th 1904

Rec'd AUG 1 1904

Alfred Villa

Jaffna

23rd May 1904 -

Dear Mr Hastings -

I have been turning over in my mind what took place at the meeting of the Directors of Jaffna College on Saturday the 14th, more especially in regard to "Teachers Salaries" and clearing off the debt on the working funds of the College.

It was quite evident from the papers and accounts laid before the Directors, that the funds of the College are quite insufficient to meet current expenses even at the present rate of Salaries and that the College was getting

getting gradually more and more into debt. This has no doubt been owing in a great measure, to the very heavy loss the College sustained on the failure of the New Oriental Bank, when 45 per cent of the money lodged in that Bank was lost and the revenue of the College in consequence very seriously crippled.

If the very liberal ~~[illegible]~~ offer made by Mr. Barton and his colleagues two years ago had been more liberally responded to the funds of the College would have been placed in a fairly sound position. It has been to me a matter of astonishment and great disappointment that that offer so unrespected

unexpected, so liberal and generous was not at once gratefully acknowledged and taken up and the comparatively small sum of Rs 10,000. asked of the Jaffna people subscribed without any delay. As it is, after two years, less than half the amount has been paid up.

Rs 10,000. from the people of Jaffna, Rs 50,000 from friends in America, Rs 60,000. in all would have enabled the Directors to place the College on a sound, satisfactory and efficient footing as regards Buildings, Furniture, Apparatus, Books, and Salaries of Teachers. Whereas now it is found impossible with our limited means to

to meet the working expenses of the College.

The only suggestion made and resolution passed to meet our difficulties was. That the Tuition fees should be raised. This it was estimated would yield Rs 300. per annum provided such increase on the rates did not tend to reduce numbers.

As our debt amounts to about Rs 1500. the Rs 300. per annum would only suffice to pay off the amount without interest in five years provided we did not in the meantime sink deeper in the mire,

Our

Our weakness at present and our immediate needs (laying aside the matter of debt) are in connection with the "Native Teaching Staff".

Our buildings have been recently repaired and though not altogether what we would wish them to be will suffice for the present with ordinary repairs. Our furniture and apparatus can also wait for a while if we can only make our Teaching Staff contented and efficient.

At present they are much underpaid. The Salaries now paid to the members of the Native teaching Staff are barely "Subsistence allowances" and compare very unfavourably with the present-

rates

rates of Salaries drawn by men in similar social positions and with the Salaries drawn by Teachers of the other Colleges.

It is quite clear to me that our Teachers Rearly feel their position when compared with that of their Brethren of the other Colleges.

Our Salaries at present are as I understand

See margin for actual salaries Rectifying

Rs 720.00	Rs 700	per annum
~~660.00~~		
" 660.00	" 700	" "
" 600.00	" 500	" "
" 600.00	" 500	" "
" 600.00	" 500	" "
3180.00		

This is not quite correct.

To make them equal to the Salaries paid in other Colleges and with

rates

Rates of Salaries paid in Government-
and other Establishments they
should be

Rs 1000.	
" 1000	
" 700	= 4100 per annum
" 700	
" 700	

They most certainly should not-
be less than

For the present they would be satisfied with Rs 5. increase (monthly) all round, or as follows:—

Rs 780.00	Rs 900
720.00	" 900
660.00	
660.00	" 650 = 3750 per annum
660.00	
R. 3480.00	" 650
	" 650

Rl. Hastings

The former would necessitate
Rs 4100. per annum. The latter
Rs 3750.

Rs 3750.

How can we possibly find this?

I think we might be able to tide over the difficulties if Mr. Barton, his Colleagues, and his friends could be persuaded to make us the following concession –

We have been promised Rs 50,000. if we managed to raise Rs 10,000. locally. Rs 5. pr £1. locally raised. I think we may safely say we have Rs 5000. in money paid and in the premises which will be fulfilled. Would our friends in America consent to give us now Rs 25,000. half the amount on the Rs 5000. already raised

leaving

leaving the balance Rs 25,000. to be paid when the balance Rs 5000. is collected.

If this concession were made we would have with our present small Endowment and the addition of Rs 30,000. to that Endowment a fund, the interest of which, would nearly cover the annual cost of the Teachers Salaries, even at the higher rate of Rs 4/100.

The Tuition Fees could then go towards paying off the debt, repairs, etc.

New buildings, new apparatus, etc could wait till the balance Rs 30,000. became available. I feel that if we get the first instalment and make the

the Teaching Staff contented and efficient we would be able to collect the additional Rs 5000. without so much difficulty as the people would then see we were in earnest.

If the Misses Leitch could be persuaded to allow us to place half of the annual interest of the Scottish Bursary Fund towards the working expenses of the College it would be a great help. The interest on the Bursary-Fund is much more than is required or should be expended in my opinion on Bursaries, at least, at present.

Yours sincerely
W. C. Thompson
(W. C. Thompson)

Minnie I had not seen for 11 years and [illegible] to get re-acquainted. The people here are delightful and we are making some pleasant acquaintances. The leading physician has been very kind in taking me out riding. Possibly he may help to point out some trained nurse for our mission. His practice is largely with the New Yorkers who have their country residences in this neighborhood and he often gets trained nurses from N.Y. for his patients. I will speak to him and report later if anything comes of it.

Mr Hitchcock spent three or four days with us on his way west. Cannot he have an allowance for his son Harry, aged 10 yrs, whom he leaves behind in this land? I think they will find it exceedingly difficult to manage without some such allowance

Rev. R. C. Hastings
AUG 19 1904

Upper Red Hook
Dutchess Co. N.Y.
Aug 19. 04

REC'D AUG 20 1904

Dear Dr Barton

I trust you have had a restful and pleasant vacation, and are feeling better for the change. I might add that I hope you are not back yet, for a week or two is hardly enough in which to throw off the tired feeling which must of necessity be your lot. I will not answer your good letter of Aug 2nd until later. I write now to ask if I may have as many as 50 copies of the Jap. Ch. section of the Higher Educational institutions of the A. B. C. F. M.

Hoping to write you again very soon with kind regards

Yours

R C Hastings

We are having a very restful & pleasant time with our four children. Anna &

Ans'd SEP 7 1904 81

Ans'd SEP 16 1904

Upper Red Hook, N.Y.
Sept. 6, 1904

Rev James L. Barton DD.

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of Aug. 19th should have been answered ere this. I trust that you have received the medical reports you ask for. I know nothing more about it. In fact I have not received any copies of the mission report though perhaps they are lying in wait for me at Hartford. The reference to the medical report in the mission report is very strange. Why should any one be asked to apply for copies, to Mr Brown? Surely they will be sent out as the main report has been. There are several errors in the report owing no doubt to Mr Dickson's being so busy. However they are unimportant & no one will know the difference. The report presents an attractive appearance

I was glad to learn that you approved of asking the Com. to vote $100 for Mr Hitchcock's son. I suppose the Hitchcocks & Nibs leave on the 17th. Wish I might be on hand to see them off.

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Will there be any possibility of our attending the meeting of the Board? Of course we cannot go at our own expense. The allowance we have just meets our board & washing bills up here. If mother had not offered to take us at a mere nominal rate of board for the winter, I don't see how we could get along. There will be heavy dentist bills to pay soon, and I must have some heavy clothing for the winter. I wonder if it would not be cheaper for me to purchase clothing in Boston.

I hear from Mr Bicknell that the college is prospering. There are 17 in the B.A. classes, the largest number in the history of the college. The total number enrolled is slightly more than last year. The question of Union college was brought up in the monthly meeting of missionaries and a com. has been formed to discuss the question. The Wesleyans are pushing it. The Church missin favor but are not prepared to put any men or money into the scheme. Mr Brown & Mr Dickson are strongly in favor. Our

native Christians are many of them against it. I hear My own views are expressed in the Historical sketch in the closing pages of the Catalogue. I feel that part of the apathy concerning the College is due to the fact that some think the missionaries are trying to control too much. There has been much feeling ~~with~~ against the mission in regard to the transfer of the Press from native hands. Mr Bickwell writes that the College graduates feel very strongly that the Wesleyans having failed to get any lads to study for the B.A., are trying to get control of Jaffna College. I think nothing should be done in Jaffna without your approval here. As long as men of the stamp of Mr Trimmer are in power in the Wesleyan mission, I fear that a Union College would not be a very desirable thing. Of course the Union college would be located in, or near Jaffna town — that has been stated as absolutely essential. I don't know whether you have received any communication re other plan, but if you have it might be well ~~for~~ to call a meeting of the Trustees

before Mr Hitchcock sails.

I have sent extracts from your letter of Aug 2nd to Jaffna, and hope it may result in stirring up the friends of the College to complete the endowment. I feel sure that if I had been free for a year to go about soliciting that the full amount would, ere this, have been paid in. As it is I hope your words will stir some there to activity, unless with the agitation for union they have become discouraged.

Have you secured a nurse for Emmil yet, or an assistant for Miss Root? Any news concerning our mission will be thankfully received. Thanks for the copies of the sketch of the College, of which I will make good use.

We leave this place in a few days & return to Hartford. Have enjoyed ourselves & I am quite rested.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R. C. Hastings

R. C. Hastings
Upper Red Rock, N.Y.
Sept. 6-1904

Mr Hitchcock wrote me that he wished I would come on to Boston this week, but I haven't spare change to use in traveling. If you think it would be well & could authorize my charging expenses to the College, please drop a postal card & I will come on Friday with Mrs Hitch.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R C Hastings

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Rev. R. C. Hastings

Rec'd SEP 15 1904

Hartford Sept 14

Dear Dr Barton

Ans'd SEP 16 1904

Yours of yesterday's date at hand and I thank you very much for the invitation to be present at the meeting of the Board. I shall be glad to go if possible and would be glad to receive instructions as to how & when to start.

With three of our daughters I reached Hartford last evening. Our remain at Upper Red Stock with Mrs Hastings a few days longer.

Invoice
Mail
Periodical
Inquiry
Acknowledged

83 Rec'd SEP 20 1904

J. C. ... RECEIVED SEP 21 1904 Ans'd

Hartford, 69 Elm St.
Sept 19, '04.

Rev James L Barton DD
Boston, Mass

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of the 16th inst. at hand and I thank you for your invitation to accompany your party from Springfield on to Grinnell. I am anxious, however, to stop over at two or three places to visit relatives, as I will not have a better chance to see them than on this trip. I learn that tickets can be procured here through to Grinnell, but if I understood aright stop-over privileges are not allowed. I should like to stop three or four days at Rochester, a day or two at Toledo, three or four days at Chicago ~~so~~ can you let me know if this is possible? A ticket on the certificate plan good for 20 days with privilege of stopping would be what I ~~should~~ like. And in this way I would not need a sleeper on my way to Grinnell, tho possibly needing one

on my way back. If you can let me know to whom I should apply for information about tickets, I will attend to it myself without troubling you any further.

I have written to Emmell for entertainment.

I hope the party for Ceylon left in good spirits on Saturday. I was hoping to get a letter from Mr Hitchcock, but I presume he was too busy to write. Did he secure the instruments for Jaffna College I wonder? I hope so.

I should be glad to receive a copy of the medical report if you have one to spare. I have several copies of the mission report should you need any more.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R le Hastings

Rev. R. C. Hastings
Hartford Conn
Oct 3 - 1904

Hartford, Conn
Sept 19 - 1904

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Rec'd OCT 3 1904
Ans'd OCT 4 1904

69 Elm St
Hartford
~~Sept~~ Oct 3

Rec'd OCT 4 1904

Dear Dr Barton

I expect to leave Hartford tomorrow night for the west stopping at Rochester and Toledo and reaching Chicago Saturday afternoon at 4. Can you recommend any hotel in Chicago where I can remain over Sunday? If so, kindly drop a postal to reach me here by tomorrow noon. Shall hope to see you Monday morning on the train for Grinnell from Chicago.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R C Hastings

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Rec'd OCT 24 1904

Hartford, Oct 24. '04

Dear Dr Barton

I enclose my bill for traveling to & from the meeting of the Board. I took the opportunity of visiting relatives in Rochester and Toledo, so that I could secure the reduced rate only from Toledo, and had to pay full return fare from Toledo to Hartford. This makes my bill about $11- more than it ~~ought~~ would have been (by the route I took) had I gone direct instead of stopping off. I should be glad if the full amount could be allowed as I paid fares to Dr Monier, room, & meals while there out of my own pocket.

I enclose $15.00 which you so kindly advanced me, thinking that this will be the easier way of settling. I enjoyed the meetings very much indeed and feel that I am the richer in knowledge of Congregational work and methods. Mrs Hastings I am sorry to report, is not improving as rapidly as I wish she were. With kind regards

Yours truly

R E Hastings

Rev R. C. Hastings

NOV 3 1904

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Hartford Nov 2, 04

ANS'D NOV 5 1904

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of the 31st ult. enclosing one from Mr Elmer at hand. I was not much surprised at Mr Elmer's offering himself for the foreign field, for some two and a half years ago he sent in an application to the Presbyterian Board to be sent out as a missionary to China or Japan. I never heard why he was not appointed, and perhaps it might be well for you to write to the Secretary of the Presby Board and ascertain if there was any good reason for his non-appointment. It is possible that he may have with-drawn his application on getting his present position at La Fayette.

As for my own opinion

I respect Mr Ebner very highly as a scholar. He is a hard worker and a clear thinker and I believe would turn out a good educational missionary. But I remember that when he was in Jaffna he expressed a dislike for the Tamil people, and it seems to me that no one can succeed as a missionary who does not love the people among whom he labors. I remember also that he spoke highly of the people of northern India as he saw them in a trip made during one of the vacations. He spoke enthusiastically of the work in Korea and Japan as he heard of it from his friends there. But he did not like the Tamils nor did he altogether like the climate of Ceylon. He never was a favorite among the American & English

missionaries, and made her per acquaintance among the Family. Miss Elmer is a very sweet woman and one who is loved by both the English and the Family.

On the other hand Mr Elmer might make a good man for China, Japan, or even So. India. His letter shows an excellent spirit, and it would be a pity to refuse his application altogether it seems to me. I do not think however he is the man for Ceylon. If the Scotts, Miss Howland, and ourselves go back next year, our mission will be as well manned as we have any reason to expect; if any of us should fail to return others will be wanted to fill the vacancies. The

natives would prefer Dr Howland's re-appointment to any new appointment that might be made, should any vacancy occur, or should the Bd. Com see fit to give us an additional man

Please consider this letter <u>confidential</u>. I have no wish to prevent Dr Elmer's appointment to the foreign field. I have only expressed my individual opinion that he is not the man for Jaffna

With kind regards

Sincerely

A L Hastings

Hastings

Rev. R. C. Hastings

86 Rec'd NOV 30 1904

Hartford, Nov 29, '04

Dear Dr Barton Ans'd DEC 3 1904

Yours of the 26th inst. reached me only yesterday. We were glad to learn that you had in sight a well qualified nurse for Jaffna, and hope if she is quite ready that she can be sent out at once.

You ask for my opinion as to whether a nurse or another lady physician is needed. It seems to me that one physician and one nurse at Tuvil is quite sufficient. Where there are two doctors, especially if one has British qualifications and the other American, there is liable to be friction and conflict of authority. There can be but one head to any institution, and I do not think a

well qualified American lady doctor would be willing to be only an assistant. Dr Young as you know, was not happy at Tumil, and it strikes me that it would be a great mistake to repeat the experiment of sending out another American lady doctor. Dr Lewis has a good reputation now in Jaffna and the English missions go to her as freely as our own. As long as she remains at Tumil she must be at the head of the Women's Hospital.

On the other hand a well qualified nurse would be a great help. In addition to her work in the hospital she could train Tamil girls to be nurses, and do a great work for the people in this way. If she could go out at once she would have a

pleasant voyage through the Mediterranean, Red Sea, and Indian Ocean, and reach Ceylon in the cool season. Then if the Scotts return in May or June, the nurse would have been there long enough to have become used to Dr Curr's ways and would be able to look after Ismail under Dr Scott's supervision while Dr Curr took a much needed rest of six months or a year.

Of course if the Drs Scott do not return, there ought to be another male physician at Manepy, but I do not anticipate their withdrawal from the mission. With the Drs Scott at Manepy & Dr Curr and a nurse at Ismail the mission will be better equipped medically I presume than any other mission in all Asia.

I believe however, the Miss Leitch in passing over the hospital made some conditions as to foreign appointments. I do not remember just what the conditions were, but you will have a copy at the Rooms

I have given you my own opinion & I think it concurs with the opinion of all the other members of the mission.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R.W. Hastings

P.S.

It must be borne in mind that the Ceylon Government has greatly extended its medical work in the peninsula. There are seven Govt dispensaries in our mission field (besides those in the C.M.S. and Wesleyan districts) and two hospitals one at Jaffna town now practically under Govt control, and one at Pt Pedro in the process of being greatly enlarged.

Rec'd JAN 18 1905

69 Elm St
Hartford, Jan 17 '05

Rev James L. Barton DD
Boston.

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of the 13th at hand and I shall be glad to comply with your request to be present at the meeting next week. I plan now to leave Hartford on Monday and go direct to my sister's home at Chestnut Hill where I will spend the night coming to the Room Tuesday morning. At what hour does the Prudential Com meet?

Yours truly
R E Hastings

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Rec'd FEB 6 1905

Ans'd FEB 15 1905

Hartford, 69 Elm, Feb. 3, '05

Rev James L. Barton DD
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton

A day or two ago I received a letter from Dr Scott in which he tells me that he had seen the Misses Leitch off for Porto Rico on Saturday the 28th ult., the day I left Boston. So I shall not see them when I go to New York unless I wait until their return. Have written them in the meantime, on the subject of the Bursaries.

Yesterday I went to Winsted to speak on Ceylon at the 2nd Congregational church, returning this noon. While there saw Mr & Mrs Smith, the father and mother of Mrs Bicknell. They told me that they were counting the days until the return of their daughter. They expect her with her husband next September when the three years will be up. This was news to me. For how long did they agree to stay in Jaffna? I supposed it was for five years though. I do not remember that they said very much

about it. Mr Ward went out for only two years and he will be leaving in the fall, and if Mr & Mrs Bicknell leave also, the College will need another man at once. I am writing to Mr Bicknell to find out what his understanding is, of the agreement. I can hardly think they expected to return so soon, and yet Mr Smith was very positive. Mrs Smith is far from well.

This morning's mail brought me a postal card from Mrs Hibb giving me the news that her husband had been ordered home. They expected to leave Colombo Jan 5th and Naples about March 1st., spending some time in Italy we suppose. Mr Hibb has broken down by overwork — nervous prostration. I have no authority for saying so but I have the impression from what I heard Mr Ward say some months ago, that he may apply for the vacancy caused by the departure of Mr Hibb.

Mrs Hastings and I are going to Northampton for a few days next week & I am hoping the change will do her good. Our kind regards to the members of your family.

Yours truly

R. E. Hastings

P. S.

Feb 4. Yours of yesterday's date reached me this morning and I was sorry to learn that Mr St John had left for Europe. I was quite counting on my New York trip and had made arrangements to stop with Dr Scott. I have come to the conclusion that I need to see something of the present strenuous life, and get new ideas for our work in Jaffna. Eleven years is really too long a time to be absent from the home land as things go now. I think we ought not to be away more than eight years at a stretch.

Mrs Hastings' progress towards recovery is very slow. I am hoping the change to Northampton will do her real good. Our united greetings to Mrs Barton & the children. I shall always remember with much pleasure the few days spent in Boston.

Yours truly

R. E. Hastings

R. C. Hastings.

Rec'd FEB 24 1905

Hartford, 69 Elm

Feb. 24, '05

May I draw on that account when for purchasing books?

Rev James L Barton D.D.

ANS'D FEB 28 1905

Boston, Mass

Dear Dr Barton

Thank you for the cheque for $6. for which I enclose receipted bill which possibly your treas may wish to file as voucher.

I was glad to hear of the gift of $7,000 additional for the College — very glad. I am writing to Ceylon urging them once more to get to work on the Local endowment. If the subscribers would only pay up what they promised nearly the full amount would be realized. I was glad also to get your version of the agreement with Mr & Mrs Bickwell. They are too good

Rec'd Feb 3 1905.

Hartford, Conn.

a couple for us to lose.

I have just returned with Mrs Hastings from a two weeks stay in Northampton with my sister. I saw a good deal of Smith College & got a good many points for use in connection with Jaffna College. Have already quite a list of books and apparatus which I think we shall find very useful. How I long — more than ever since I have seen Smith — for at least three decent buildings in Jaffna — an Assembly Hall, a Library and a Science building! Would that some of our friends here might feel inclined to give for these or similar objects!

Mrs Hastings derived no benefit from the change I think tho the cold weather was very trying. With kind regards

Sincerely
R.E. Hastings

Rec'd FEB 25 1905

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Dr
R.W. Hastings

1905
Jan 23-28

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Feb 18, '05 R.W. Hastings

Trip from Hartford to Boston to attend annual meeting of Trustees of Jaffna College Foreign Endowment Fund.

Rev. R. C. Hastings

REC'D MAR 6 1905

Hartford Mar 4. 05

Rev James L Barton DD
Boston.

Dear Dr Barton

Your kind letter of the 1st inst at hand. I thank you very much for your permission to do a little investigation of collegiate institutions before returning to Ceylon. I have already looked over Smith College buildings & received many good suggestions from some of the instructors. Later on I propose to visit Amherst & Yale. I am in correspondence now with Dean Sanders about a course for our theological students, of which I will write you again. Sept month I

should like to visit New York and spend a few days there. Will be careful how I ~~spend~~ money for traveling, and report to you later — after a couple of months.

As for new buildings for Jaffna College, the question of union must be settled once for all at an early date. Mr Brown & Mr Dickey favor union; Dr Scott does not & I think Mr Hitchcock is also against it. It strikes me as ideal, but possibly the best way of bringing it about, is to make our institution so strong that the other missions will give up college classes. In case we remain at Batt the money you have on hand now would put up a stone & mortar building large enough for an Assembly Hall & enable us to use our present

Hall (divided into two rooms) for scientific purposes. Another $5,000 would give us a nice Library building with reading room & Faculty room attached. And $5,000 more would enable us to purchase an athletic field & to buy necessary furniture for Hall & Recitation rooms &c. Some one man might be willing to donate $5,000 for a Library to be called after his name. Labor & materials are higher now. (the former by 50 per cent) than they were ten years ago.

Mrs Hastings is a little better today and I hope will continue to improve. Thank you for your kind inquiries. I hope it will not be necessary to go to Clifton Springs.

It was good to see Dr Scott looking so well. Miss Howland & Miss Caswell may perhaps accompany us if we return in October. It would be pleasant to have their company.

Kind remembrances to Mrs Barton & the children. I enclose three uncancelled stamps for Howard that came a few days ago.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R. H. Hastings

Rec'd MAR 17 1905

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6 Elm St, Hartford, Conn
March 16, '05

Rev James L Barton DD
Boston, Mass

Ans'd MAR 5 1905

Dear Dr Barton,

Miss Leitch writes me that she sees no objection to using a part of the unexpended interest of the Scotch Bursary Fund for the purpose of helping the Batticotta Church in making its repairs on the ground that the College boys attended the services there. But I do not propose to say anything about it at present hoping that the church will raise the needed funds from outside without this help. If finally a little aid seems the needed, we have permission to take from this Fund.

You will remember old Pastor Stickney. He has been at work for some time on a History of Protestant missions in Jaffna, and our mission has encouraged him paying him a small sum (twice only) for clerical work in connection with

the preparation of this book for the Press. I do not know what the missions (including the Wesleyan & Church) propose to do about the expenses of printing, but Mr Dickson probably has some plan in view. The book is to be in Tamil, and of course will have a small circulation. Mr Stickney writes me asking if I will kindly get for him & some photographs &c for insertion in his mission History. He wants photographic cuts of any of the early missionaries and also "photographs of the Rooms and members of the Prudential Room with their names designated." This is a large request but I pass it on. I think a few blocks would be enough, — say of Messrs Richards, Poor, Mills & Spaulding and Miss Agnew Anything else that you think would be valuable for such a work would be thankfully received.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R. C. Hastings

R. C. Hastings.

Hartford, Conn. March. 16. 1905.

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REC'D APR 8 1905
POST MAR 10 1905

69 Elm st. Hartford
April 7. 05

Rev James L. Barton D.D.
Boston

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of yesterday's date at hand. I am glad that you have heard from Dr Miller and that he speaks so favorably. Hitchcock had sent me a copy of the report of the educational Com which is good as far as it goes. I have heard nothing about union for a long time. Dr Scott does not seem to be strongly in favor of it and I judge Hitchcock is also against it. But Mr Brown is strongly in favor and is pushing it I suppose. I have heard nothing however. Please let me know if at any time you hear aught

of the scheme. It is ideal if it can be brought about. I am sorry that the Rockfeller gift is making such a stir, tho. personally I would prefer money for our College to come from some other source. But it is difficult to get money for the foreign work and we need it so badly. America is lavishing her millions on colleges & libraries here at home and telling the Hindu, the Chinese, the African that it is far better for them to study in shanties not put up with "tainted money". Where then is the "pure money"? Why do not the protestants & others come forward with their gifts? Nevertheless the discussion will do good, and it certainly is encouraging to find so many in this worldly age taking such a high ethical stand. May it all redound to the glory of God and the advancement of His

Kingdom.

We had heard of Mrs Scott's illness. A letter received a day or two ago reported her as at the Hospital in Kingston and improving. It seems to me it would be a great mistake for them to start back this spring. I should say not earlier than August, and October would be even better.

Mrs Hastings is improving but slowly and I often feel discouraged, but we are hoping much from the warmer weather.

With kind regards

Sincerely

Yours truly

R B Hastings

Does Mr Hitchcock say anything about his Wards returning to America this summer? I believe his time is up in August.

Rec'd APR 26 1905

Hartford Apr 25, 05

Ans'd APR 27 1905

Dear Dr Barton

Your favor of the 10th and 21st duly received. We were glad to hear of the appointment of Miss Caswell to our mission and trust she may prove a valuable addition to ~~the~~ our force. It was wise to appoint her as a missionary & in writing of her to Jaffna I will refer to her as a medical ~~assistant~~ associate & as Curr & a member of our mission. I feel sure she will enjoy her work there & feel that she has made no mistake in choosing as she has. We are sorry that the Scotts departure had to be

postponed, but feel sure they ought not to think of leaving before August. Better yet to wait & go with us in October. Mrs Hastings is improving though slowly. We are thinking of spending some weeks in Goshen near Northampton Mass but will not be going until June. In the meantime I want to run down to New York to visit friends & to make purchases of books &c for the College. I have already bought about $20 worth of books and would be glad if you would kindly send me a cheque for $100 on College acct. I think that later on I had better send you a detailed statement of the way in which the money is spent. With kind regards Yours R. H. Hastings

Rev. R. C. Hastings

Hartford, Conn. Apr. 25-'05.

Rec'd MAY 3 1905

Hartford May 1. 05

Dear Dr Barton

Ans'd MAY 8 1905

Yours of the 27th ult with enclosure for $100 received Saturday, and I thank you. I intend to send in to the Room an order for books and apparatus as soon as I hear from Jaffna, but I may pick up a few books in second hand book stores in New York as I have here and it was for this as well as for ~~my~~ expenses of my trip to New York that I wanted the money.

I propose to leave Hartford on Wednesday now to be gone about a week.

Today's mail

REC'D MAY 3 1905

Hartford May 1. 05

Dear Dr Barton REC'D MAY 8 1905

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Today's mail

he can go with the Scotts in August all the better. An unmarried man, for three or four years service, would be the best arrangement it seems to me.

I do hope the Bicknells will be able to return to Ceylon – they seem to be so well fitted for the work. Mr B does not speak of Mrs Bicknell's case as anything very serious, but I presume he has written you in full.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R E Hastings

brings the sad news from Jaffna that Mrs Bickell has been ordered home to undergo an operation. Mr Bickell writes that they must leave in Sept. and that Mr Ward was expecting to leave at the same time unless his lady, Miss Bottwalter, would consent to his remaining on until next March.

I am sorry to add that Mrs Hastings's health is such that I doubt very much if she will be able to sail for Ceylon this fall. I cannot yet speak positively. Am expecting that the summer will do much for her, but will let you know as soon as possible.

In view of all these facts I think it would be wise to secure a young man at once for the College. If

A. C. Hastings

Hartford - Conn. May 1 -

Rev. R. C. Hastings

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ABS'N MAY 17 1905

69 Elm, Hartford
May 12, 05

Rev James L. Barton D.D. Rec'd May 12
Boston

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of the 9th inst duly received. I am sorry Mr Ward could not stay on until spring but, with you, I think it would be unwise to attempt to persuade Miss Borkwalter to change her mind. I wrote to Dr S. W. Howland some days ago urging him to return, but he refuses to consider any call to return to Ceylon since he so firmly believes that his work lies in this country. The only thing left is to secure a young unmarried man for a term of three years, and the sooner he goes the better. I

hope it will not be later than August. I shall be glad to do anything I can towards securing a suitable candidate.

I hope Mr Hitchcock will not break down with all his additional burdens. All the members of the mission have gone to the Hills leaving him to take charge of the work in general.

I returned from New York day before yesterday, having had a very pleasant week. Secured a grant of Bibles from the Bib. Soc. and of books from the Tract Soc. for the College. They will be sent to Mr Hosmer in due time.

Mrs Hastings is gaining tho not so fast as I could wish. With kind regards

Yours truly

A L Hastings

Rec'd MAY 23 1905

69 Elm. Hartford
May 22, 05

Rev James L Barton DD
Boston.

Dear Dr Barton

I was glad to get your letter of the 19th inst & to learn that there was a probability of Mr Smith going out to the College. I suppose he will get his M. A. before going, though if he has not already secured this degree he should not delay starting for this reason. I hope he will be ready to sail with the Scotts in August. Kindly drop me a line when the matter is finally settled.

We need for the

R. C. Hastings

Hartford-Conn- May 22-'05.

college a Cabinet organ. Also a telescope (costing about $400.) and sets of stereopticon slides to illustrate ~~Phys~~ Physiology &c. I am keeping these items in mind & hope I may find some one willing to help in securing them for the college. Perhaps you may know of some body who ~~would~~ would make us a donation of the above.

Mr Hitchcock writes that he is thinking of going to the Straits Settlements to collect funds for the Local Endow. He & his family were the only ones of our mission in Jaffna when he wrote. I think we are likely to secure affiliation with Madras as a first grade College in time, only we need to put our buildings in better shape.

With kind regards

Yours truly

R H Hastings

Rec'd JUN 14 1905 48

69 Elm St Hartford
June 13, '05

Dear Dr Barton.

Yours of the 10th
exist at hand and I am
glad of Mr Fritts appoint-
ment to Jaffna College. I
wish he might start in
August, but I appreciate
the fact that he needs
a vacation. Shall hope
to hear from him before
long.

We leave Hartford on Thursday
and our address for the
summer will be
"Mountain Rest", Lithia P.O.
Mass. I hope to write
you definitely about our
plans for returning, Deo volente, early

in August. We are hoping much for Mrs Hastings from the hill air and country life. With kind regards

Yours truly

R. E. Hastings

I am sending you by mail a survey plan of our premises at Batticotta used by Jaffna College. Perhaps Mr Winslow would like to see it. You need not trouble to return it. I can get it (if necessary) when next I visit Boston. The plan was drawn by one of our Jaf. Col. boys who is now a surveyor

R. E. Hastings

Stockton-Tees. June 13-'05.

JUL 12 1905

Mountain Rest
Lithia, Mass. July 8

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter came this evening and I am writing so that it will get off Monday morning. With regard to Mr Fritz letter I hardly know what to say. There is an advantage in going out single so that one may test the climate, people, & work before taking out a wife. But of course there are advantages on the other side especially if one is making it his life work

I think this case will have to be settled by the condition of the funds. Will they allow of a third married man being

on the staff?

Mrs Hastings is improving and I think will be quite well by fall. But I think the doctor will advise her remaining in this country another winter. However we find the problem of our children is more serious than we first thought. However I still plan for leaving in October – perhaps the first of November – though I may have to go alone.

We find this a quiet, restful place and are enjoying ourselves. With kind regards

Yours sincerely

R B Hastings

R. C. Hastings

Lithia, Mass. July 8-1905.

Rec'd JUL 19 1905 100

Mountain Rest

Littleton, Mass.

July 18, '05

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of the 12th at hand. I hope Mr Fritts will go out unmarried for as you say it would be well for him to test his ability to stand the climate.

I am surprised at the cable you have received. Was it from Mr Dickson? If so I imagine nothing very special called it out. He is having a hard time himself and is blue. I will be writing you again soon, but send this to ask that you let me know as soon as you know yourself if anything unusual has occurred in Jaffna.

I shall be writing to Dr

Haviland in a day or two though I doubt whether any thing I say will make much difference. I have been urging him to go back ever since I reached America.

With kind regards and hoping you will get well rested during the fortnight you are away, I remain

Yours truly

R. H. Hastings

R. H. Hastings
Atlantic House July 18-1905.

Rec'd AUG 8 1905
Ans'd AUG 9 1905

Lithia, Aug 7, 05

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of the 3rd at hand. Mr & Mrs Frith can get along with $800 for the first year or two if they go pretty well supplied and board. If they want to keep home a year or two later, this sum will not be enough.

I think they should get off in Sept without fail — before the middle if possible so as to reach Jaffna before the breaking of the monsoon. Miss Howland is also very anxious to get away and the three sailing say about the 10th would make the first instalment of the Ceylon party. If the nurse has not been secured by that time let her wait

and go with the Scotts in October — middle or 20th.

As for ourselves I am afraid I must ask for extension of leave. It would not pay to go back this fall and have to bring Miss Hastings home in a year or two, and I do not like the idea of leaving her here and going alone. She is much better than when you saw her in Hartford but is not as well and strong as she should be before returning to the tropics. I have written no word of this to Jaffna yet, for they are down in the dumps there, and there is no need of their knowing that we may not be there before Christmas. Even now if an emergency should arise we might go in

Oct or Nov, or at least I could. But I think the better way would be to wait until next spring and in the case we should spend the winter in Washington with my wife's sister. I dislike to postpone our departure — it makes me feel very restless & rebellious — but we have been praying for light and this seems to be the only thing to do. Mr Hitchcock with Mr Fritts' help can manage to hold on a while longer and perhaps Mr Ward will consent to stay until spring. As for the mission Miss Howland is a host in herself and when the Scotts get back the pressure will be relieved.

I may be in Boston in a week or two and will

then give you a call
In the meantime I should be glad to hear from you and to know if the P. C. will extend the time of our furlough.

With kind regards
Yours truly
R. H. Hastings

R. H. Hastings.
Attleboro, Mass. Aug. 7-1905.

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Rec'd DEC 8 1905

Ans'd JAN 2 1906

311 Fourth st. S.E. Washington, D.C.

Dec. ~~1~~6, ~~1~~905

Rev James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M. Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of the 25th ult. should have received an earlier reply, but I have been waiting to hear from Mr Bicknell about the feeling in Jaffna ~~of~~ about a Union College. I wrote two or three times the past year asking for a report of the state of affairs there but received no reply, and I am at a loss to know what the ~~state~~ feeling is with regard to union. The question should be settled as soon as possible for it seems to me that now is the time to go ahead and put up new buildings and thoroughly equip the College for the next 20 years. If you think it will do any good for Mr Bicknell and me to meet you and have a talk on this subject I will make it convenient to be on hand at any time and in any place you may appoint. Only I should be glad to have my expenses paid by College funds.

With kind regards and awaiting your reply

I remain

Yours truly

R. L. Hastings

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311 Fourth st. S.E.
Washington D.C
Dec 13. 05

Ans'd DEC 14 1905

Dear Dr Barton

From a Colombo paper received yesterday I learned that the Wesleyans laid the corner stone of new buildings for ~~Wesles~~ Wesley College in Colombo last October. They expect to have the buildings finished before the fall of 1906 and they are to cost Rs 300,000. Rs 37,000 was raised locally and they hope to raise enough more to make it 50,000 rupees of Ceylon. The Wesleyan Soc. in Eng gives 10,000 rupees or five times as much. It was stated in the paper that of the Rs 37,000 a good part came from Hindus & Buddhists, & often to know that Europeans in Col. Kandy & elsewhere gave generously.

Washington. D.C.
Dec. 6-1905.

The new buildings are to accommodate 300 only of whom 100 are to be boarders. Evidently only the higher classes are to be housed in the new buildings and the old buildings are to be utilized for the Primary and Intermediate departments.

I mention this to show you how the Wesleyans hustle when they start an enterprise. The Principal was given leave of absence and he raised his 37,000 rupees by personal solicitation. He is now in Australia & is returning via U.S.A. (so I have heard) collecting the balance of his 50,000 rupees.

I cannot approve of this of course, but I do approve of his hustling round. I wish now I had taken 3 months leave and done the same thing.

Another thing, they are

putting Rs 300,000 into buildings (not including furniture & apparatus) and that to accommodate only ~~Rs~~ 100 boarders. We have 130 boarders in Jaffna College and are likely to have as many as 150. Probably building is cheaper in Jaffna than in Colombo, but I doubt very much whether we can put up such buildings as we ought to have for $12,000 or Rs 36,000. We would be quite satisfied with plainer buildings, but shall need at least double this amount to have ~~on~~ everything fairly satisfactory. Of course if we changed our present site, and we must if we have a union college, we should need not less than

Rs 200,000. The Church mission would put in wh and the Wesleyans & Americ would have to divide this amount equally.

If you think it would be well for Mr Bithell & myself to meet you & have a talk, how would next Thursday the 21st suit you, & New York as the place? I am ready any time, but for certain reasons would prefer that date.

Kind regards

Yours sincr.

R E Hastings

R. E. Hastings
Washington. D.C. Dec. 13-1905.

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Rec'd JAN 8 1906

311 Fourth st. S.E. Washington, D.C. Jan. 6, 1906.

Ans'd JAN 9 1906

Dear Dr, Barton

Yours of the 3rd inst. at hand and I will send you a reply in a few days. We are giving the subject our careful and prayerful consideration, and will let you know soon what our conclusion is. Dr Scott had written me of the situation and so we were not wholly unprepared for your letter. I think as a mission we are making a mistake in taking things out of the hands of the Tamils, since there is little hope of our having as large a force of missionaries as we need. Moreover our policy should be to develope the Tamils so that they can at no distant day carry on the work without foreign help, even though ~~they~~ their methods may not be entirely satisfactory. With kind regards

Rec'd as Ans'd

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Rec'd JAN 22 1906

S.E.
311 Fourth st. Washington D.C. Jan. 18, 1906

Rec'd JAN 23 1906

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M. Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

Your letters of Jan 3 and 10 were duly received, and we have been giving the subject matter our careful consideration. We were not surprised to learn that Mr and Mrs Brown had been ordered home by Dr Scott. I only hope it will not be a permanent withdrawal from the mission field on their part, but the climate does not seem to agree with Mrs Brown. As for paying Dr Thomson from funds in Ceylon I doubt if there is money available for this purpose. Mr Bicknell writes me that he has taken up work in Kennebunkport, Maine, and that if he ever returned to Ceylon he would prefer to go back to the College. So that disposes of him for the present. Now as for ourselves. I need hardly say that we have been greatly perplexed as to what we ought to do. We know the mission will be in great need of help when Mr and Mrs Brown leave but we cannot see our way clear to returning at once. Perhaps the wisest course would be for us to resign, and thus leave the Prud. Com. free to find some one else to go to Jaffna. Dr Howland might be induced to go back under these circumstances. Some one must go and if possible be there before the close of May. Of course it is within the bounds of possibility that Mrs Hastings may improve so rapidly in the next two months as to permit of her returning

U. C. Hastings
Washington - D.C. Jan. 6 - 1906

some time in the summer. And if it seemed wise I could leave in April and Mrs Hastings might accompany Miss Green in July or Aug. But it hardly seems worth while for me to go only three or four months ahead of her. If however, in two or three months, it appears that she will not be able to return to Ceylon by mid-summer, we ought not any longer to be a burden on the Board, but I must seek employment in this country. This would be a grief to us both.

Let me say just here that Mrs Hastings is certainly much better than she was a year ago in spite of the fact that she has lost six pounds in weight since coming to Washington. She has had no occasion to consult a doctor however since coming ~~here~~ to this city, and seems to her friends here to be gaining in strength. We would therefore prefer to give a definite answer, say two months from now, and then only after consulting some good physician. On the other hand if it seems necessary to send word at once to Jaffna we will resign now and let some one else go in our place. The work must be considered first and the workers in Jaffna assured that reinforcements will be sent as soon as possible. I wish we might give a more definite answer but it does not seem possible to do so, and I leave the case in your hands believing that you and the Prud. Com. will be led to do what is best for all concerned. Thanking you for your sympathy and awaiting your reply ,I remain, with kind regards,

Yours truly

R. L. Hastings

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Rec'd JAN 22 1906

Ans'd JAN 23 1906

311 Fourth st. S.E. Washington D.C. Jan 19, 06

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Sec. of Trustees of Jaf. Col. For. Fund

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

With regard to my being present at the annual meeting of the College Trustees it does not seem to me to be necessary, unless it is thought best to discuss the question of a union college. As for myself I approve of union most heartily if it can be brought about without overthrowing the present Board of Directors in Jaffna. It should always be remembered that the College was started not by the American Board, nor by the Ceylon Mission, but by the Tamils of North Ceylon. They asked the missionaries of the three missions working in Jaffna to assist them in carrying on the Institution. The Church Missionary Society has always been represented on the Board of Directors but the Wesleyans have not always had a representation. It has been left to the American Mission to do most of the work and as a consequence it has had the largest representation. Nevertheless it is not an American Mission institution, but is unsectarian; and the Directors themselves should decide the question of union without undue pressure being brought to bear upon them by the missionaries, American or English. I may add that a union college would mean union only between the Am. mission and the Wesleyan. The Church Mission, while not opposing union, would give such a college

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no financial support.

Some months ago I asked Mr Hitchcock to send a report of the College to be read at your meeting. and I hope he has done so. You have no doubt had some information from Mr Dicknell. I might report that the grant of $1,000.00 voted me last Jan. has been spent in purchasing needed apparatus and books. I can assure the Trustees that their gift was very greatly appreciated, and it has put the College upon a better footing. And now I have a request to present at your meeting to be held this month. For some years the College has been burdened with a debt which was incurred when local funds were low and expenses of repairs &c high. This debt has been decreased a little every year for the past two or three years and now amounts to between fifteen hundred and sixteen hundred rupees. If the Am. Funds will allow of it I should be glad of a grant of $500.00 to be applied towards the liquidating of the debt, on the distinct understanding that the College does not make this a precedent for applying again for a like purpose.

I need add nothing more. Hoping that you willhave a successful meeting, I remain,

Yours truly

R L Hastings

Please keep me informed from time to time of matters relating to the mission and the College,

Rec'd JAN 22 1906

Washington Jan 20 06

Dear Dr Barton,

Yesterday afternoon's mail brought the enclosed which I send on. I don't know whether Mr Hitchcock has sent you a copy or not; if he has this may be destroyed; if not, perhaps you can cull some facts to present to the Trustees.

A letter from Dr Howland this morning says he cannot think of returning to Ceylon, so there is no hope from that quarter.

Yours in haste

R. E. Hastings

Rev. R. E. Hastings
to
Trustees
Jan 15 1906

and [illegible] he yet feels
that there are other worthy
objects nearer home for which
he has as yet done nothing,
and to which he has pur-
posed to give in a small
way as he can. Later when
he is about again I will
present your letter to him
once more, and see if he
has anything different to
reply.

This looks as if we could
not expect much more
help from this quarter, tho
I shall hope to see him
later on when he is quite
well again. So much is
given for higher educational work
in this land, that I wish
we might have some friend
to give us a few thousands
only.

With kind regards
Yours truly
R. A. Hastings

Rec'd FEB 5 1906

Ans'd FEB 5 1906

311 Fourth St. S.E.
Washington D.C.
Feb 2. 06

Dear Dr Barton,

I have this day received a letter from Mrs St John which explains why I have not heard from him before. On his return from Germany last October he was taken ill with typhoid ~~and~~ followed by a low fever later, and is still far from well tho improving. Mrs St John adds, —

"In regard to Jaffna College I regret to say that I doubt if he will feel that he can give anything further in that direction at present. While deeply interested and believing firmly in its work

I have been asked to be present at Nashville for the Stud. Vol Convention for Feb 28 & March 4. Entertainment there is free and the railways are making reduction to delegates. I think the travelling expense would not exceed $25. Would the Board pay this? I would not ask except that we are finding it impossible to live within our allowance, and I have no money to spare for such a trip.

With kind regards and awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours Ms

R. E. Hastings

R. E. Hastings
Bloomington - Ill. Feb 10 - 1906.

Rec'd FEB 15 1906

317 Fourth St. S.E.
Washington D.C.
Feb 10. 06
Ans'd FEB 15 1906

Dear Dr Barton

Your kind letter of the 5th inst at hand, and I will try to give Mr St John a call when he is a little better in health than he is at present.

Thank you for your offer of the cottage by the sea at Old Orchard next summer, but I feel that we must be either on our way back to Jaffna by summer, or at work here somewhere in U.S.A. in case we cannot go back. We are just as grateful to you however for your kind offer

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I gave his request on to
you, hoping that you could
find some practice who ✓
would be willing to share a
book or two that might
be helpful to Mr Joseph.
I believe a shipment is
to go to Ceylon in April
and if some commentaries
could be sent to Mr Joseph
at the same time, he
would greatly appreciate
it. He has a large
family & a sick wife and
is not able to purchase
new books.
I trust you are none the
worse for your Nashville trip.
You must be extremely busy
with double duties to look
after, ~~both~~. I hope & pray you
will not break down under
this great strain. Our
daughter Minnie who was at
St. has been obliged to leave
college for a week or two, being
quite tired out by all her
extra work. She expects to

Rec'd MAR 20 1906
ANSWERED MAR 21 1906

311 Fourth St. S.E.
Washington, D.C.
March 19. '06

Dear Dr Barton,

You will remember Pastor Rice of Batticotta. He has resigned from the pastorate of Batt church and Wm Joseph (our College pastor) has been chosen as his successor.

A letter from Mr Joseph received a day or two ago speaks of his resumption of pastoral duties after ten years work in the college and refers to the fact that he has an intelligent college congregation to preach to. He asks if I cannot help him to get some up-to-date commentaries especially on the N.T. He would like second hand copies

returns by the close of this week. Will we can find regular Commentary Pleasure

Rec'd APR 7 1906
Ans'd APR 11 1906

311 4th st.S.E. Washington D.C.
April 6,1906.

Rev. James L. Barton,D.D.
Sec. Trustees J.C.Foreign Fund,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton,

Yours of the 4th inst, at hand. In reply I would say that the legal name of the college is " The Board of Directors of the Jaffna College". I would favor having the legacy kept here if it can be invested for five per cent, and would by all means reserve it for the Theological department. I hope it can be reported so out there even if in this land it legally requires to be designated " for educating native helpers for the mission field" . This phraseology is too general and could be interpreted for educating a teacher or catechist. If we could have two more such sums willed for theological purposes it would be a splendid thing and would relieve us of the financial burden which up to the present time has kept candidates from coming forward. May I ask who gave the legacy. I have a strong suspicion that it is some one I knew. One of the two graduating from the theological department last October, was helped through his course by a friend of mine in California. Feeling as strongly as I do that the evangelization of Ceylon will be mainly accomplished by her own people I cannot but wish most heartily that our higher educational work might be placed upon a better footing than it is at present.

In a letter recently received from Mr Hitchcock dated Feb.28, he writes:- " As to union nobody wants to take the first step, apparently, lest it should seem as if he were anxious for it and so would make concessions, which nobody seems willing to do.Most of our men as far as I have heard them express an opinion think it would result in a mission college and they would be in a more subordinate position. Another thing is we are rather waiting to see what Madras University is going to do. They are still discussing the new regulations, or were the first part of the month. Some very radical changes are proposed and if they are carried I doubt if it will be as desirable to join them as now." In my opinion the college should be put in such a condition that we would not hesitate to take the initiative in proposing union,—in fact could dictate, practically, as to what the union should be. With kind regards, I remain

Yours truly

R L Hastings

Rec'd APR 11 1906
Ans'd APR 11 1906

311 Fourth st. S.E. Washington, D.C.
April 9,1906.

Rev James L. Barton, D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M. Boston, Mass,

Dear Dr Barton,

I have been waiting anxiously for weeks hoping that some light would be thrown upon our plans for returning to Jaffna and am well nigh discouraged. A day or two ago Mrs Hastings was carefully examined by a Lady Physician whose diagnosis agreed with that given by the Hartford Doctor a year ago. The organs seem all in fairly good condition , but she has a slight catarrhal affection of the stomach, and is extremely anaemic. The Doctor thinks she must be very careful of herself for two or three years. Said also that if it were absolutely necessary for us to return this year she thought Mrs Hastings would be well enough to go by Sept. provided she spent some months before starting on the hills somewhere, and provided also that she abstain from all work and worry in Ceylon for the first year or two. Mrs Hastings dreads going back to be a burden on me, and with the possibility of being compelled to return to America after two or three years, but is willing to go if thought best.

Moreover our children present quite a problem. The eldest daughter graduates from Smith this year, the second from Wellesley a year later; the fourth is with her grandmother at Hartford attending the High sch. The third daughter is with us in Washington. She is somewhat backward in her studies. Her mind works very slowly and she is very shy and does not make friends. We had hoped to leave her in the charge of Mrs Hastings' unmarried sister who is for the present living here in Washington, but after talking the matter over carefully have concluded that this plan would not be feasible. We would have been glad if she could have made her home with her aunt, but we cannot feel that it would be right to send her to a Home for missionary children. And in fact all our girls need their father and mother more now when they are commencing to go out into the world to earn their support, than they did in their earlier years. For this reason and because of Mrs Hastings' health it seems to us that we had better sever our connection with the Board and settle down here for at least a couple of years or so. It is possible that after two or three years the way may be opened for us to return to our work which we so dearly love. It will not be an easy thing for us to give up our life work even though it may be but temporarily, nor will it be easy to secure some means of support here in the home land. In fact I do not know where to turn or what to do in order to live. We should be glad to know what your opinion is in view of what I have stated above. Does it not seem to you that we ought to remain here for the present at least? Of course there is the alternative of my going back alone for a time, leaving Mrs Hastings behind but this is far from ideal and I fear she

would worry and that would not be conducive to her regaining her health. And in this case I might have to return in two or three years giving up the work permanently. Nor do I suppose the Prudential Com. would care to take the risk unless it seemed as if it were the only way of relieving the mission. Possibly if Dr Howland knew that we were talking of resigning he would be willing to return which I feel sure would be a good arrangement for the college and mission as well. Or the Bicknells might be ready to return in the Fall.

I might add that I have consulted with two or three friends and they seem to think we ought not to return to Ceylon for the present.

Before deciding finally we should be glad to know your opinion. In the meantime please consider this letter as meant for you, and not for the Prudential Com. With kind regards

I remain

Yours truly

R. C. Hastings

Rec'd MAY 19 1906

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Washington D.C.
May 17, '06

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of the 15th at hand, and I enclose document duly signed & executed. Wherever the money is invested, I hope it will be designated for the use of the Theological department.

We are moving out on monday the 21st to a country place in Fairfax, Va. where we hope to have our children with us for the summer. We are looking forward to packing & going northward the first week in October

W. C. Martin
Washington D.C.
Apr. 9 1906.

with the hope that we can sail for Jaffna by the middle of October.
I want to see how Mrs Hastings will get along the next two months before deciding definitely however. I have had a good letter from Mr Ward, but have not heard from Jaffna in some weeks

With our united kind regards

Yours truly

R E Hastings

Address in future to

Fairfax.

Va.

R. C. Hastings

Washington DC. May 17 1908.

Rec'd AUG 2 1906
Ans'd AUG 3 1906

Fairfax, Va. July 27. 06

Rev James L. Barton DD
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Dr Barton,

It is with deep regret that I hereby tender my resignation from the Am. Board with which I have been connected for nearly 28 years. It seems very evident that we cannot go back to Jaffna at present and it seems to me it will be better for the work if we resign outright and thus leave the way open for the appointment of new missionaries to take our places. Mrs Hastings is certainly better than she was last summer but is not herself yet and dreads to return until she has fully recovered her health. Moreover our children are a source of some anxiety to us. The two older girls get no allowance from the Board and are dependent upon us. The eldest has just graduated from Smith College and is looking about for something to do. The second daughter has still one year more before she finishes her course at Wellesley, but

she is not very strong and ought to have her parents by to look after her. The younger girls need us to make a home for them. So it seems as if the Lord had given us our work to do here in the home land.

I don't know just what ~~work~~ I can find to do, but would like the privilege of referring to you to testify to my character. I have applied for a post in the Congressional Library as translator of Tamil classics, but have little hope of securing the position. I think, perhaps, we shall remain here in Fairfax as we like the place. If I can find nothing else I may engage in fruit farming or raising poultry from which we could support ourselves after a fashion. We prefer to live in the country if possible.

I have been long in coming to this decision because it did not seem as if I could give up my work in Jaffna, and even now I hope that after two or three years the way may be opened for our return. But it does not seem right to keep the mission so short handed. Jaffna College

looked for my return last October, and then again this Spring, and now expects us back next October. Moreover in the mission Mr Brown's furlough has been postponed because of our absence from the field. This uncertainty is demoralizing and for the sake of the College and the mission as well, something definite must be decided upon without further delay. After our resignation has been acted upon either Dr Hoyland or Mr Bickwell might be induced to return, and the workers in Jaffna be relieved of their heavy burdens.

Your favor of the 20th inst announcing the vote of the Prud. Comm. continuing our allowance until the end of the year was very gratifying and we thank them most heartily for their kindness. We have always been well treated by our Board & have taken pride in saying so to others who have not been so fortunate as to be enrolled among the missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M.

Regretting most sincerely that I am

obliged to take this step, and assuring the Pres. Com and the Board of our warm attachment for them,

I remain

Yours truly

R. C. Hastings

July 31. Yours of the 26th at hand needs no further reply. I am returning Dr Scott's letter with many thanks for the privilege of reading it. I rarely hear from the mission though Mr Hitchcock keeps me informed about College affairs. I am very sorry for him especially at this critical time in the history of the College

RCH

R. C. Hastings
Fairfax, Ia.
July 27 1906.

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Ans'd AUG 23 1906

Fairfax, Aug 20, '06

Dear Dr Barton

Your very kind letter of the 15th inst came duly to hand and I hardly know what to answer

We have not been able to live within our allowance in the past two years and the little I had saved is about exhausted. Our furniture in Jaffna might bring 3 or 4 hundred dollars but our not being there to superintend its sale will make quite a difference. I have no opening for work and have made up my mind to try fruit & poultry on a small scale. If I can only get $3000 to buy a little farm and home, I think I could make

a living. I have applied for position as teacher, but men of over 50 yrs of age are not wanted. I have an application filed in the Congressional Lib but have been told there is no likelihood of my being wanted this year. I do not think I could fill the bill as a preacher. Besides it seems best to remain in this locality for the present and so have decided to either buy or rent a home with 10 to 15 acres & try country life for a year or two. In the meantime we must live & I can only add that I hope the S. C. will give me as large a <u>retiring grant</u> as they consistently can. I would remind them that it is nearly <u>28 years</u> since I

first sailed for Ceylon, and that I have had but one furlough before this. Mrs H. came home with the children for months, but I remained on the field. I know you will do all in your power to help us so I will say nothing more

I wrote to Dr Hurlburt but he refuses to consider the question of return. I wrote also to the Bicknells but have heard nothing yet in reply.

I sent in my resignation from the Presidency of Jaffna College nearly two weeks ago. They must appoint my successor but I doubt if they appoint Mr Bicknell. The Bicknells are made of the right stuff & will be warmly welcomed by the mission.

I shall always be glad to
render what service I can
the Board or to the mission
I sincerely hope that the way
may open for our return in
two or three years

With kind regards
I remain
Faithfully
R. E. Hastings

Anna 9/26/84
Celina 2/2/86
Alice 7/20/88
Carrie 8/11/89

I suppose of course that the
allowance for our younger children
will keep on until they reach
20 years of age.

I am sorry to say that I do
not think Mrs Hastings is
improving in health She has
not been so well the past
fortnight.

R. E. Hastings
Aug. 25. 1906.

Rev. R. C. Hastings.

Fairfax, Va.

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Aug. 25, 1906

Fairfax, Va Aug 25 06

AUG 31 1906

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of the 23rd at hand. Yes I think Mr Bicknell would be the better man for Jef. Col. tho Mr Ward has made a very favorable impression. I don't know how Mr Hitchcock would feel. From last report, the question of union is to be brought up and settled soon so it may be that a Union Col would call for a man of more experience than either Mr B or Mr W.

As for my accepting a position in an A.M.A institution, I think that Mrs H. would be as well off in

Jaffna as in New Orleans for example. Still I am going to New York Tuesday to see the Secty of the A. M. A and will give a call, if I get one, careful consideration. I must confess however that work in the South does not appeal to me, and I see no good reason for leaving Ceylon for the South. A quiet country life for two years would be beneficial to me both, and then we could perhaps return to Ceylon when the Dickens come home for their furlough. As to retiring grant I have said all I care to

hope the P. C. will do the best they can. If worst comes to worst we will ~~do~~ enter some "Old People's Home" where we can live quietly & go Home when our work on earth is ended. But I much urge the continuation of the children's allowance. We are planning to leave them with relatives but cannot get along without the allowance. It would cost less to have them with us I suppose, but we have nothing to live on. I do hope the P. C. will allow it as they did in the case of Mrs Smith's children. It will be only for 2 or 3 years

me. Please do what you can to secure this favor.

We were glad to learn that you had been to Lithia. Do you not think it an ideal place for tired missionaries?

We are having a very rainy summer. Evidently the Lord does not want us to forget Aylmer as He is giving us Jaffna weather.

Hoping to hear soon I remain

Yours truly

R. L. Hallinger

Rec'd SEP 21 1906

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Fairfax, Va
Sept 19. '06

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of Aug 31 and Sept 17 at hand. With regard to Straight University I have accepted the position for one year, and we hope to leave for our new field of labor on the 25th inst. I have drawn my allowance up to Oct 1st as my salary under the A. M. A. does not commence until that date.

I do hope the B.C. can see their way clear to continuing the allowance for our work

with Mr Hitchcock for a few years or until the Union College was well under way, he might then be chosen as Principal.

My future address will be Straight University, New Orleans, La. We leave this place next Tuesday morning. Hoping to hear soon that some one is going to Jaffna and with kind regards

Sincerely

R L Hastings

daughters, Alma & Carrie until they are 20. This seems no more than just. I ask nothing for ourselves as we will receive a very fair salary from the A. M. A

I am writing Mr Bickwell this evening re returning to Jaffna. My heart is in Jaf. Col and I grieve that no one has yet been found to go out. Dr Howland is <u>the man</u>, but he refuses. By the way I hear that he is sick with typhoid fever. Mr Bickwell will be warmly welcomed by the mission, but he is young yet to be the Principal of the College. If he would consent to go as a missionary and be <u>Associate</u> Principal

R. C. Hastings

Fairfax - Va. Sept. 19 - 1906.

Mrs. R. C. Hastings.

118.

JUN 28 1900

Hartford, June 25, 1900.

Dear Mr. Barton,

You have probably heard ere this through Mr. Creegan of our safe arrival in New York last Thursday night. Mr. Howland very kindly met us at the steamer and took us to his home where we spent the night and came on here the following day. We met Mr. Creegan at the station,

he paid some small bills for me and also advanced $10.00 (Ten Dollars) on my allowance, both of which items he will probably report to you.

I have not as yet heard anything concerning my allowance while at home, and would be glad to know as soon as possible what I shall have to depend upon.

Mr. Hastings expected to write to you upon this subject and I presume did so long since. Please let me know just what I may expect for the two children, whom I have just brought home and myself. The former are ten and eleven years of age.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience and with kind regards,

Sincerely,

Minnie T. Hastings

Mrs. R. C. Hastings,

19 Elm St.

Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. R. C. Hastings, 119

JUL 3 1900

JUL 7 1900

Hartford, June 30, 1900.

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Mr. Barton,

Thank you very much for your favor of the 28th inst. which I found awaiting me today, upon my return from Northampton, Mass. I attended at East-Hampton last evening the wedding of Rev. T. S. Smith's second daughter. It was a pleasant occasion and

yet too, I thought - a very pathetic one. I was inexpressibly shocked at Mr. Smith's appearance. Humanly speaking, I suppose there is no hope of his recovery.

Thank you very much for your welcome back to the home land, also for answering my question as to the allowance given to the two children and myself during my stay here. Will you kindly send me the amount due for July at your earliest convenience, as I expect to leave Hartford next week.

I am making arrangements to take the four children to Hopper Red Hook N.Y. for the months of July and August. Shall I write to you every month for the sum you have mentioned, or will it be sent me direct from Treas. Wiggin?

In accordance with my husband's request, I have already mailed to him an account of our travelling expenses from the time of sailing from Colombo

until we reached Hartford
He paid our passage mu
from Jaffna to London,
I have not the whole acco
He will make a full re-
port to Mr. Higgins.

I reported to you in my
last letter the sum of
$10.00 (Ten Dollars) which
Mr. Cereegan advanced to
one in New York on the
23rd inst. With sever
thanks for your kindness
and hoping to meet you
before my return to Jaffna,

Sincerely,

Minnie T. Hasting

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JUL 25 1900

Keyser, Pa. Box, S.N.C.
July 23, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Mr. Barton,

Through some oversight which I greatly regret, your favor of the seventeenth received in due time, was overlooked until today. Please accept my sincere apology. I trust a similar mistake will not occur again.

I received the check for $62.50

from Mr. Wiggin and acknowledged the same within twenty four hours. Thank you for your kindness in the matter. I suppose in the future I apply directly to Treas. Wiggin or will it not be necessary for me to write from month to month?

You ask about the name and date of birth of the two children whom I brought home. Alma Libby was born July 20, 1888 and Carrie Louise August 11, 1889.

I have taken a furnished house in this little country village for this month and

nept. We are near old and dear friends and making pleasant new acquaintances. The country is beautiful, the air so pure and I'm sure the change is helping all four of the children.

Thanking you again for your kindness and with renewed apologies I am,

Sincerely yours,
Minnie T. Hastings.

Mrs. R. C. Hastings

Upper Red Hook, July 23, 1900

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JUL 30 1900

AUG 17 1900

Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
July 27, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton

Thank you for your favor of July 25 received this morning.

In reply to your inquiries about the allowance made me, I would say that I understood the amount, $62.50 per month, was intended only

for the support of the two children just brought home and myself. I supposed that the allowance for the two older children would be sent as usual to Mr. Hastings' mother in Hartford. I expect to be at home so short a time, it would not be worth while to transfer this sum to me.

I think this was Mother Hastings' understanding also, for before leaving her, she gave me something toward the expense of the two children, who have made their home with her.

This is a small village, liv-

ing is cheap, and so far we have managed very comfortably.

Sincerely,

Minnie T. Hastings.

Miss Minnie T. Hastings

Upper Red Hook, July 27. 1900

AUG 23 1900

SEP 3 1900

Upper Red Hook, N.Y.

August 21, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your favor of the 17th inst. was received today.

In reply I would say that if Mr. Hastings is granted permission to return home next Spring, I shall expect to remain until the expiration of his furlough. Then all being well, we shall return together. If he is to stay on in Jaffna beyond

that time, I shall plan to leave this country the early part of next November.

Thank you very much for the letter enclosed in your own.

I forward three stamps herewith to pay for the postage due on the same.

Sincerely,

Minnie T. Hastings.

Mrs. R. C. Hastings.

Mrs. R. C. Hastings

Upper Red Hook, Aug. 21,

Mrs. Minnie T. Hastings

SEP 15 1900

Carried by Mr. Wyse

Hartford, Conn.
Sept. 14, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Will you kindly let me know how much baggage is included with one ticket on the Atlantic steamers?

I have some necessary purchases to make which may not be completed, when the Ceylon shipment is made the first of October, and would be

unwilling to detain it for my benefit. I have not yet received the amount granted us for refit by the Prudential Committee, but hope I may in a day or two.

Sincerely,
Mehemie T. Hastings.

20 cu ft. for adult
25 cts coll. for each c. ft.

W. E. Hitchcock

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APR 4 1902

APR 8 1902

Jaffna College, March 1, 1902.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D., Secretary American Board.

Dear Dr. Barton:

As I have been in Jaffna for the last eleven years and my wife for eight and a half, considerations of health lead us to desire a furlough next year to visit America. But I do not know what arrangements can be made for the support of my family when on leave, as there is, I believe, no precedent to judge by. Both Dr. Hastings and Dr. Howland were paid in part by the Mission Board and went on furlough as missionaries. All other College teachers have given up their connection with the College on leaving the place. Now I should like to ask your opinion in the matter before applying to the Directors for leave of absence. We shall want to stay in America more than a year. We have two boys aged seven and three years respectively. Before we come back the elder will be over nine and we shall want to leave him in school. So I think we should like to stay till the schools begin in September, some sixteen months in America. What will the Trustees think about my salary or allowance during that time?

I write a year before the time when we want to go because I want to make early application so as to make my plans and so the College may make provision for filling my place while I am gone. I might wait another year before going, but Mr. Hastings will need to go by the time I return. We have also thought of going, if possible, across the Pacific as each of us has a sister living on the Pacific coast. If so, should we have to meet the additional cost? If we go across the Atlantic, we shall have to go as far west as Iowa for Mrs. Hitchcock's home is there. So the difference will not be very great. This latter question might perhaps be decided later,but I should like to have the former considered soon.

Mr. Hastings doubtless keeps you informed about College matters. I am sorry the subscriptions to the Endowment Fund come in so slowly. We are all in good health at present.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

Rec'd JUN 18 1903

Traveling Expenses of Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Hitchcock & two children, from Jaffna, Ceylon, to Denmark, Iowa.

Ceylon.	Rs.
Eating, boats & coolies in Jaffna,	6.70
Tickets to Colombo	82.00
Fee on ship	1.00
Boat, coolies & carts on landing	5.25
Passage	2.00
Board for five days	60.00
Fee	1.00
Washing	3.00
Carts, boats & coolies	6.25
Tickets to London.	1575.00
Total Rs.	1742.20
Equals $	581.55

In England	£. s. d.
Fees on ship	3. 4. 0
Dock dues	12.9
Railway tickets	1. 8. 6
Cabs	7.6
Transferring baggage	14.7
Porters	3.6
Board seven days	8. 5. 7
Fees	2.0
Washing	17.7
Tickets to New York	30. 0. 0
Total £	45. 16. 0
Equals $	222.13

(over)

125.

In America	$
Fees on ship	3.50
Cooper at custom house	.25
Carriage & carting in N.Y.	4.35
Hotel two days	20.80
Railway tickets to Ft. Madison Ia.	81.18
Extra baggage	17.80
Food on journey	5.35
Total	$ 133.23

Expenses

In Ceylon	581.55
" England	222.13
" America	133.23.
Total	$ 936.91
Received	$ 891.84
Balance due	$ 45.07

Received from Rev. R. C. Hastings
Treasurer, Jaffna College
Rupees 1800,00 = $ 600.84
Draft for £ 60 = $ 291.00
Total $ 891.84

W. E. Hitchcock
Denmark, Iowa.
June 13, 1903.

Traveling Expenses of W. E. Hitchcock, & family.

		$. ¢
6	Tickets, Eureka, Kans. to St. Louis	16.60
8	" St Louis to New York	39.18
12	" New York to Boston	18.00
"	Transfer of baggage in N. Y.	2.00
"	" " " " Boston	1.00
"	Extra baggage (from Oberlin)	14.00
"	To Central station, N. Y.	.40
"	Food, St Louis to Boston	7.15
13	Hotel & food in Boston	7.60
		97.93

Due Mr. Hitchcock to be credited out to the College

Sept. 17 — J. L. B.

W. E. Hitchcock

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Rec'd JUL 20 1903

Denmark, Iowa.
July 18, 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I hereby acknowledge with thanks the receipt of two checks of July 10 amounting to $332.57. I should have written sooner, but that I attended the Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver and did not

get back till yesterday afternoon. It was an inspiration to meet with so many people who are evidently leaders of many more young people, and who are so heartily on the right side in the temperance question, and so eager to advance Christ's cause in every State and in other lands.

We expect to go to Oberlin about the 1st of Sept. and spend the winter there. We think we may leave

our eldest son there when we go back next year, and so it may be better to have him go to school there this year. I will let you know when we go.

I am glad to know about Mr. Ward's going to Jaffna. I wrote to him but have had no reply.

Very truly yours—
W. E. Hitchcock.

Mr. H. E. Hitchcock 128.

Rec'd SEP 15 1903

221 W. College St.
Oberlin, Ohio.
Sept. 10, 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am writing to let you know that we have come to Oberlin to spend the winter. Further communication should be sent to the address of the heading.

We have had a pleasant summer in Denmark, Iowa, with Mr. Hitchcock's mother and sister. But for the winter I

hope to have greater advantages here in the way of Library and lectures.

Yours truly -

W. E. Hitchcock

129.

Rec'd NOV 17 1903
Ans'd NOV 17 1903

221 West College St., Oberlin,O.
November 14th,1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,Boston,Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

The allowance which you sent me last August was reckoned to the 10th of August, I believe. As another three months has passed,will you kindly send me another quarter's allowance.

We are enjoying our stay here very much. I frequently attend the lectures in Physics to see what advances in methods have been made since I was in College, and I regularly attend President King's class in the Philosophy of the Christian Religion, which is a valuable course to me. He discusses problems that have become prominent in recent years,and I think it will be very useful to me.

Yours truly,

W. E. Hitchcock.

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Rec'd NOV 24 1903

221 West College St.,Oberlin,O.
Nov. 21st, 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton,D.D.
Boston,Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I received this morning your letter enclosing a check from the Treasurer of the Jaffna College Funds for $287.50,being the allowance for the support of myself and family from the 10th of August to the 10th of November, as you say. That is just as I understand it, and I thank you for sending it.

Kindly note that we are living in Oberlin where we expect to remain until next June. I think I sent you notice of this in September when we came here. I could not determine from your letter whether you had received mine of the 14th inst. in which I stated that we are enjoying our stay here, making use of the Library and some other advantages of the College. I spoke last Thursday evening on the work in Ceylon at the missionary meeting in the First Church here. I am glad you have heard of Mr. Ward's arrival in Jaffna. I have not had a letter from there since he arrived, but I hope to hear soon.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

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Rec'd FEB 19 1904

221 West College St., Oberlin, Oh
Feb. 17th, 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Ans'd FEB 20 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:

It is now three months since I received my last remittance so will you please send to me here the allowance for the last quarter, that is up to the tenth inst.

We find Oberlin a pleasant place to live in and are getting along nicely except that in Dec. I had a slight attack of the grip and in consequence of that or of the cold weather I have been suffering from lameness, perhaps rheumatism, but I am better now. The children have had colds, an almost universal complaint here, but they are pretty well now. The continued cold weather necessitates a greater expense for fuel than I had expected.

I presume you have heard from Jaffna as recently as we have. Our latest news was under date of Jan. 5th when all were well.

Yours truly,

W. E. Hitchcock

132.

Rec'd FEB 24 1904

221 West College St.,Oberlin, O.
February 22nd, 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton,D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton:

I received today your letter enclosing check for $287.50 my last quarter's allowance, for which many thanks.

You ask about our plans for returning. Our plan has been to stay in this country until time for Henry to begin his school year,that is till September. In that case we should not be back there before the middle of the fall term. It would be difficult to get away sooner than that.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Hitchcock

Rec'd MAY 12 1904 133.

Ans'd MAY 20 1904

221 West College St.,Oberlin, Op

May 10th, 1904p

ev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Boston, Mass.

ear Dr. Barton:

I write to remind you that three months have passed ince my last quarter's allowance and to ask you to kindly send to me ere the allowance for the quarter which ends today. We expect to stay ere until about the end of June when Mrs. Hitchcock will go back to enmark, Iowa, to see her mother again, and I shall go to Amherst,Mass., o the College Commencement and then visit awhile in New England, and ope I may see you sometime in July. As to returning to Ceylon, I rote two or three weeks ago to Mr. Wiggin to ask whether he could get educed rates for me if we go by way of the Pacific,which I tried to et last year and could not because I was not an ordained man. I have eceived no reply as yet. I suppose that single ladies are sent out o China and Japan at missionary rates, and I do not see why it should ot apply to a layman, but from there application had to be sent to ong Kong and there was not time to make further representations,after etting the reply. Do you know at what time Dr. Scott will return? e think we may go early in September. We are now all well and getting tronger.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

134.
Rec'd MAY 27 1904
Ans'd JUN 25 1904

221 West College St., Oberlin, O.
May 25th, 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I have received your letter of the 23rd inst. with the check of the Treasurer of the Jaffna College funds for $287.50, my allowance for the quarter ending May 10th. Many thanks for the same.

If we went via the Pacific we should, of course, expect to pay the additional expense ourselves, but if the steamers are likely to be crowded, we shall probably give up going that way and go via the Mediterranean. However, I shall be able to tell more definitely after another month, and I suppose that will soon enough as we shall not be ready to sail till September.

Any further communications may be sent here till the 20th of June after that to Denmark, Iowa, Unless I give other directions.

We are enjoying the milder weather now and are gaining in health and vigor.

Yours truly,

W. E. Hitchcock

Prof. A. E. Hitchcock,

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Rec'd JUL 28 1904

Ans'd JUL 28 1904

West Medway, Mass.
July 27, 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I think I shall go to Boston next Tuesday to see about making arrangements for our return to Ceylon, and I shall want to see you if I can. If you are not to be there on Tuesday or Wed., will you let me know and I may go some other day, perhaps this week Friday.

If I do not hear from yo
I shall plan to on Tuesday
2nd of Aug.

Very truly yours —

W. E. Hitchcock.

136.

Rec'd AUG 24 1904

Denmark, Iowa,
Aug. 22, 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton,

Yours of the 18th inst. enclosing check for $287.40, my allowance for the quarter ending Aug. 10, was received on Sat. too late to send a reply that day.

We start on Wed. for Eureka, Kansas, where we shall stay ten or twelve days and then start East, to be in Boston by Sept. 15th or sooner.

Yours truly.

W. E. Hitchcock

Rev W. E. Hitchcock

Denmark, Iowa

Aug 22 - 1904

Rec'd DEC 17 1904

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Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai, Ceylon.

Nov. 5th, 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

We had a very pleasant voyage, no storms or rough seas, all the way to Colombo, and both ships kept up to the fixed dates. The only trouble was that in both ships we had inner cabins and the ventilation was not very good. It did not matter much on the Romanic as the cabins of the first class are large, and the weather was good. But on the Orizaba our second class cabin was close and uncomfortable during the hot nights on the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. As our steamer arrived at Naples early in the morning and the other ship did not sail till midnight of Oct. 2nd, we had three and a half days in Naples. But as we went to a Pension recommended by Mrs. Scott the charges were very moderate. When we arrived at Colombo we found that one of the Island steamers was laid up for repairs and consequently they told us that the next steamer to Jaffna would be two weeks from that day. Not wishing to stay in Colombo two weeks we planned to come overland. The railway was to be opened (only as far as to Anuradhapura) the 1st of Nov. So the only way was to hire the mail coach, for which we should give three days' notice. Also as it is a three days journey we planned

to stop on the way at Kandy and at Anuradhapura. And as we could not get to Jaffna before Sunday we stayed two days at Anuradhapura. This made it expensive but to stay in Colombo two weeks would have been more so. Most of our baggage had to be sent by steamer as we cannot take much on the coach, which is half filled with the mails.

I enclose the account of our traveling expenses since leaving Boston. To it should be added the cost of sending our baggage from the Congregational House to the Docks, as I did not pay that, it is due to Mr. Hosmer I suppose. The exact amount I do not know. Nor do I know how much our steamer tickets cost, which, however, I think you have already paid.

The College seems to have gone on prosperously under the care of Mr. Bicknell and Mr. Ward, who have been doing a great deal of work and have the other teachers also. There are more students than when I was away, altho the tuition fees have been slightly increased in the college classes, and the boarding fees are also higher. The teachers say that the cost of living has increased considerably within the last three or four years so that their salaries are inadequate. They also think that the failure to subscribe the Endowment Fund does not show a lack of interest in the College, but that the Tamil people require personal solicitation; that if Mr. Hastings had gone around and seen the men and urged them to give they would have done so. They hope to get the whole amount subscribed next year. A meeting of the Directors has been called, so I hope they may be stirred up to do something about it.

The University of Calcutta has given notice that for Ceylon Colleges the last Entrance examination will take place next year, and the following year the last of the F.A. and B.A. examinations. We have not yet received a reply from Madras, but hope to soon.

Very truly yours, W. E. Hitchcock.

Rev. W. E. Hitchcock
Vaddukoddai
Jan. 14, 1907

Rec'd DEC 17 1904

Expenses of Journey from Boston to Jaffna, of Mr E. Hitchcock, Mrs. Hitchcock & Child.

	£. s. d.		Rs.
Fees on the two ships	2.17.0		
Board 3½ days at Naples	2.2.8		
Carriage + storage " "	1.1.8		
	6.1.4	=	96.00

In Ceylon

	Rs	
Carriage + porterage in Colombo	4.50	
Board in Colombo	17.00	
Tickets to Jaffna — Railway —	16.05	
" " " — Coach —	120.00	
Food on Coach journey —	7.35	
Board &c. at Kandy —	30.25	
" " Anuradhapura —	34.25	
Freight + charges on baggage, Colombo to Jaffna,	15.85	
Carts Jaffna to Vaddukoddai	2.75	
		248.00
Total —		Rs. 339.00
		or
		$ 113.00

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JAFFNA COLLEGE,

Vaddukkoddai, Ceylon, Dec. 19, '04.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Sec. Board of Trustees of Jaffna College.
Boston, Mass.

Ans'd FEB 23 1905

Dear Dr. Barton:

I suppose Mr. Brown has written you about the action of the Directors four weeks ago, when they appointed me to be Acting Principal and also Treasurer. I have not written before as I was waiting for Mr. Brown to give me an account of what funds he has in hand, but he has not done so yet. Perhaps he has rendered an account to you of the state of the funds. He has been away from home most of the time this week so I could get no reply from him. If he has not sent an account it will be sent at the end of the year. The College year closes with the end of March and Mr. Hastings can tell you probably how much of the Foreign Fund is required for salaries and the Theological class. Perhaps you would like to know how much is paid by the students themselves in a year. I have summed up the amount paid this year from Jan. 1st, for tuition fees and for board, and they are as follows: Tuition Rs.4,075 Board 6,305 making 10,380 Of this a sum of Rs. 2,271 was from Scholarship Funds and 8,109 paid in cash by the boys. Besides they had to pay for books and incidentals.

The Directors did not seem to think they were altogether responsible for the Endowment not being subscribed. It is the nature of the Tamil people to want to be called upon personally and solicited for payment. They thought that if one of the Americans would go around and see the men a large sum would be subscribed. They want me to go with some of the teachers or Mr. Brown or Mr. Dickson to help, and if possible to go to the Straits as the Tamils there get much larger salaries than here. The sum paid in now amounts to Rs. 2,400. I shall try to get the subscriptions in vacation time.

The Directors also passed a resolution of appreciation of Mr. Bicknell's work as Acting Principal. Every thing had been carried forward in a

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most successful way.

The Cambridge Local examinations take place next week, and we are sending two for the Senior and eight for the Junior. Our own test examinations are to be held at the same time. We have eight preparing for the B.A. examination, which is a larger number than we have ever sent in before. There are twelve in the F.A. class but I doubt if we send them all, as some have been irregular in attendance.

I am not sure as I gave you the address of our son in America. It is Henry P. Hitchcock, care of Rev. W.H.Houston, Eureka, Kansas. We are all well here, and find work enough to do. I did not mention that Mr. Dickson is planning to turn over the care of this mission station to me from Jan. till Mr. Hastings returns. Wishing Mrs. Barton and yourself a Happy New Year, I remain,

Yours truly,

W. E. Hitchcock.

Oct. 16. 1904.

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Rec'd MAR 6 1905

Vaddukoddai, Jaffna, Ceylon.
4th Feb.,1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Jaffna College.

Ans'd MAR 8 1905

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am sending you the account of the Jaffna College Foreign Fund for last year as given me by Mr. Brown, from which you will see that we are in debt Rs1763.35 or $587.78. As $1300 will be due on salaries for the first half of the year I hope you can soon send some $2000 unless you have already sent something this year.

The amount paid in to the Endowment Fund is now Rs.2540. I hope I shall be able to get considerable more in the vacation.

The Calcutta University examinations come in March. We expect to send 30 for the Entrance, 12 for the F.A., and 8 for the B.A. I am sorry to say we have not yet received any reply from Madras as to whether they will grant us affiliation or not. We are going on the expectation that they will, but if they should not we shall have to take up the examinations of the London University, which can be taken in Ceylon, but at a much greater expense than the Indian Universities have required.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

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Rec'd APR 5 1905

Vaddukkoddai, Ceylon, Feb.25,'05.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Secretary, Trustees of Jaffna College,
Boston, Mass.

Ans'd MAR 7 1905

My dear Dr. Barton,

I have received your letter of Jan. 20, and thank you for your kind words. I write now to let you know the situation with reference to affiliation. In accordance with the recommendation of the Education Commission the Indian Government has fixed territorial limits for the several Indian Universities, and Ceylon is assigned to Madras. Therefore Calcutta University has given notice that no Entrance examination after 1905, and no F.A. or B.A. examination after 1906, will be held in Ceylon. The Ceylon Government does not accept the proposal of having a University of its own, but has made arrangements for holding the examinations of the London University in Ceylon. Two Scholarships will be given annually, one in Arts and one in Science, of 200 pounds each tenable for three years in the British Isles, dependent on the results of the London Intermediate examination. The difficulty in the way of our taking up the London examinations is that in Arts they require besides English, both Latin and Greek and either French or German. That is too hard for a Tamil boy unless it be one out of a hundred. We might do better in the Science course, but it would be difficult to compete favorably with the Colombo Colleges where they are allowed to use apparatus provided by the Government at the Technical College. Besides, the fees for the Intermediate are three times as high as for the F.A. in Madras and about twice as high as the Madras B.A. In Madras they require a second language but it may be Tamil, so boys need not take either Latin or Greek if they prefer to study their own language. As you know, we applied to Madras for affiliation, but as the University was about to be reorganized the matter was deferred on the ground that it would have to be passed upon by the new Senate. The new Senate is now organized but it seems that it is yet to draw up new regulations. For this week I have received a letter from the

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Registrar saying that the Syndicate will recommend, as a provisional arrangement, that the Ceylon colleges that were affiliated to Calcutta be allowed to send up candidates according to their grades, but adding the opinion that the colleges in Jaffna should unite. The report of the Committee who inspected the colleges a year ago was sent with this answer, and it seems somewhat like a threat that if we do not unite they will not carry out the affiliation. I enclose the letter and the Report.(copy)

The Directors last year appointed a Committee to confer with the Wesleyans on the subject. The matter was discussed but no agreement was arrived at, as the Directors were not willing to agree to the terms that the Wesleyans want to make. The first difficulty is with regard to the selection of the members of the Board of Directors. They are now self-perpetuating, but the Wesleyans want to appoint (and therefore control?) their share. It was at last proposed that the three Missions and Jaffna College combine to form a union College, but I cannot find out whether any one was designated to call together the committees to be appointed. The Directors appointed a Committee of two to meet with Committees from the Missions, but no meeting has yet been called. Our teachers are rather in favor of taking up the Senior Cambridge Local examinations in addition to the Madras course, but it is uncertain whether those examinations will be continued long if the London examinations become popular in Colombo. We formed a class in Jan. to prepare for Madras Matriculation, as we could not send next year to Calcutta. And we thought it better to stick to one course so we have now no Cambridge Local class. But I asked if the Senior Local might be recognized as an equivalent for the Matriculation and the Registrar says it may. So perhaps we shall allow the boys to choose. I do not feel sure yet whether it is best.

We expect to send 30 boys to take the Entrance examination next week. We have 12 for the F.A. three weeks later and 8 for the B.A.

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

REC'D APR 5 1905
ANS'D MAR 7 1905

Confidential.

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

Report of the Committee appointed to inspect the Colleges at Jaffna, Ceylon, that have applied for affiliation.

On the 25th and 26th December, 1903, we visited and inspected the three Educational Institutions at Jaffna, Ceylon, that have applied for affiliation.

(1) 'Jaffna College' is a first grade college affiliatie to Calcutta University up to the B.A. standard. It has a school department, but in both school and college departments it is exclusively residential. The number of students in the college department is about 30. The buildings, equipment, etc., we found to be satisfactory; and improvements will be introduced as soon as the general situation as regards collegiate education becomes more defined.

(2) 'The Jaffna Central College' is affiliated to Calcutta University as a second grade college. Its present buildings, etc., are not in all respects satisfactory, but they may be regarded as meantime adequate, since it is in contemplation to erect new buildings. The 'Central College' has a school department. The number of students in the college department is small, but hostel accommodation is provided for about 55 students and pupils.

(3) 'The Victoria College' is meantime a high school recognised by Calcutta University as qualified to present candidates for the Matriculation examination. The new building is in process of erection, and it is expected that it will be completed this year.

(4) There is a fourth college at Jaffna, which we did not inspect, as it has not as yet applied to be affiliated to Madras University. It is known as 'The Hindu College' and is affiliated to Calcutta University as a second grade college. This college being in the town of Jaffna itself competes directly with the 'Central College';- while the 'Victoria College', which is 8 miles distant from both, is intended

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compete with the 'Jaffna College', from which it is about 3 miles istant.

We obtained the following information with regard to fees, number of udents, schools in the district, etc.:-

The population of Jaffna is about 40,000. There are 27 "English chools" in the Northern Province. The number of candidates that sat or the last Matriculation examination at Jaffna was 105, and the number hat sat for the F.A. examination was 50. The 'Central College' charges s. 36 per annum in the Matriculation class, and the 'Victoria College' harges Rs. 30. Each of these has about 25 pupils in the Matriculation lass. In the colle e classes the 'C ntral College' charges Rs. 40 per annum, nd the 'Jaffna College' charges Rs. 36.

On inquiry we ascertained that the reason why the 'Jaffna College' nd the 'Jaffna Central College' had applied to Madras University for filiation was the expectation that they would shortly be disaffiliated y Calcutta on the recommendation of the Universities' Commission. In he case of the so-called 'Victoria College', Calcutta had refused to filiate till it would be seen what action the Government of India would ke on the recommendation of the Universities' Commission. We further certained that there was a growing feeling in the community that it uld be more advantageous for the colleges at Jaffna to be affiliated Madras University.

Recommendation I.- We recommend that the Syndicate decline at esent to recommend for affiliation any of the colleges at Jaffna, nding the delimitation of the territories of the Indian Universities the Governor-General in Council under the new Act.

As, however, it seems to be probable that, under the new Act, ylon will be assigned to Madras, we desire to make the following rther remarks and recommendations:-

No one of the Jaffna Colleges is at present strong in numbers, nor n it be expected that with so many col eges and with the limited popula en to which they supply the means of higher education any one of them

can ever become strong. The requirements of the community would in our opinion be adequately met by one first grade college and one second grade college. The three colleges at present in existence are all under private management, and the so-called 'Victoria College' is also under private management. In our opinion it is of the utmost importance that some combination of management and resources should be brought about. It will, however, not be possible for the Syndicate to dictate in this matter either to the managing bodies of the colleges or to the Ceylon Government. All that will be possible will be for the Syndicate to advise, and to decline to recommend for affiliation till its advice is acted on. It seems to us that if under the Madras University,-presuming that Ceylon is to be assigned to Madras,- the present situation should be perpetuated, the competition would have very prejudicial effects upon the interests of sound education and discipline. The expenditure of such private resources as are available in maintaining a number of institutions will prevent the proper development of any one of them and will be a bar to increased efficiency , while the competition between so many colleges for the limited number of students will by underselling demoralise the student community. We may also point out in this connection that in the near future Jaffna will feel the stress of competition with other educational institutions in Ceylon, particularly those of Colombo, in a way that it has not felt it hitherto, as in the course of this year it is confidently expected that railway communication will be opened all the way between Jaffna and Colombo.

We conferred with the managers of the 'Jaffna College' and the 'Jaffna Central College' with regard to union, and the impression we received was that, while the managers saw difficulties in the way of union, such a desirable result was not beyond the range of reasonable expectation.

Recommendation II.- We recommend that the Syndicate consider, in view of the probability that Ceylon will be assigned to Madras, whether it may not be desirable to make a representation to the managers of the

'Jaffna College' and the 'Jaffna Central College' urging them to effect a union or such a scheme of co-operation as will secure the husbanding of resources for natural development and increased efficiency.

Though the 'HinduCollege' has not yet applied for affiliation, it will, we presume, be compelled to do so should Ceylon be assigned to Madras under the new Act. Provided the two missionary colleges combine, the 'Hindu College' might be affiliated as a second grade college and the management of the 'Victoria College' might be advised to devote any resources at its disposal for a college department to the development of the 'Hindu College'.

Recommendation III.- We recommend that the Syndicate consider whether it may not be desirable to make a representation also to the management of the 'Victoria College' to the above effect, pointing out at the same time that in any case, when the question of affiliation comes to be dealt with, Madras University will on no account recognise a new second grade college in Jaffna.

We had the opportunity of conferring informally with the Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary and the Acting Director of Public Instruction, Ceylon on the subject o f collegiate education in Ceylon. The impression we received was that but little assistance was to be expected from Government in making the situation in Jaffna less complicated. The Ceylon Government does not regard with favour the suggestion that Ceylon should have a University of its own, and the Education Department is in correspondence with London University to secure certain privileges for the educational institutions of the Island. We do not suppose that the Ceylon Government will forbid colleges over which it may have some control to be affiliated to an Inhian University, but we anticipate that the influence of Gov'ment will be exerted so as to direct all the higher education of the Island towards the courses of London University.

J.M.RUSSELL.
C.A.PATERSON.

5th January, 1904.

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

The Principal, Jaffna College, Jaffna.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 3158 dated the 15th Nov. last in regard to your application for the affiliation of your college as a first grade college in Branches I & IV, I am directed by the Syndicate to draw your attention to sections 21, 22, 23, and 25 of the Indian Universities Act, 1904, and to inform you (1) that until the regulations dealing with the subject of affiliation have been drawn up by the Senate and approved by Government the Syndicate can make no definite recommendations in respect to the affiliation of your college, but that the Syndicate will recommend to the Senate at its meeting to be held on the 3rd March next that, as a provisional arrangement, Colleges in Ceylon which before the Act came into force, were affiliated to the University of Calcutta shall be allowed according to their grades to send up candidates for the F.A. and B.A. examinations of the Madras University and that a candidate from any of these colleges will be admitted to these examinations provided he is able to produce a certificate signed by the head of his college to the effect that he has studied for a period of two years for the F.A. or B.A. examination as the case may be in a college which before this Act came into force was affiliated to the Calcutta University, that he has completed the course of instruction prescribed for these examinations and his progress and conduct have been satisfactory; and (2) that in view of the report of Messrs. J.M.Russell and C.A.Paterson the Syndicate is of opinion that steps should be taken without delay by the managers of the different colleges in view to consolidate these colleges into one strong central institution for Jaffna or to arrive at some understanding by which one or more of the colleges in Jaffna shall withdraw from what, in the present circumstances, seems likely to be an unhealthy competition. A copy of the report referred to is enclosed.

I have etc.,

(Signed) C.A.Paterson.

Registrar.

Feb. 13, 1905.

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REC'D MAY 4 1905

Jaffna College,
Vaddukoddai, Ceylon.
April 5th, 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

REC'D JUN 12 1905

Secretary, Board of Trustees of Jaffna College.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have received your letter of Feb. 23. I thank you most heartily for the grant of $100 for the support of our son Henry in America. I think the most convenient way will be to have the amount sent in two sums of $50 each at the end of June and the end of Dec., to Rev. W.H.Houston, Eureka, Kansas. If this is to be so paid regularly do you want an order from me each time, or will this be sufficient till I should desire some change?

As to the Endowment, I mean to go around in a few days now to see what I can do in the way of completing it. Just at present we are the only Americans in Jaffna, the others all being in India. So I am superintendent of the whole field! And some twenty schools are to be examined this month by the Government Inspectors. Also I shall have to edit the Morning Star for three weeks for Mr. Dickson. So I do not expect to have time enough to accomplish as much as is needed.

As to union, the letter from the Syndicate of the University of Madras may tend to convince some of the desirability of it , and I think the Wesleyans are rather more favorably disposed towards it than before, but nothing definite can be done about it until after the missionaries return from the Hills.

I am glad you have done so well in getting money for the College. But Mr. Ward says he wants to go by Sept., and if the Theological class is to be continued we ought to have a man to take his place. Will you consult with Mr. Hastings about the matter.I think Mr. Ward has already written to you about his going home. We should be glad to keep him longer but I understand he did not agree to stay more than two years.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

W. E. Hitchcock.

Rec'd JUN 16 1905

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Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai, Ceylon,

May 12, 1905.

Revd. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Sec. Board of Trustees of Jaffna College,

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have just received your letter of April 7th, and am surprised and very sorry to find that I have not acknowledged the receipt of your former letter of March 8th with the First of Exchange for 450 pounds enclosed. I ought to have answered it at once but I waited to see if I could find out anything more about those items of the account which you did not understand . I sent you what Mr. Brown gave me, and did not understand it myself. As Mr. Brown has not returned from India I have not yet got any light on the subject from him. These items came in the first part of the year when Mr. Hastings was here and probably he could explain the items better than any one here. As to paying interest on the money, I am sure that was not done. I think the item was due to transferring interest money due on Local Funds from Arbuthnot & Co. in Madras to the Mission Treasurer. And it must be offset by something on the other side. If Mr. Hastings had been here he would have put everything under the right heading but I put it all as Mr. Brown had it down. The College year ends with March 31 and so I thought Mr. Hastings had settled all that and I put it in as belonging to the year 1904 without hunting up details. The item about the Tellipally school may be a mistake. Mr. Brown had a new clerk for accounts and he himself had so much to do that he may not have noticed it carefully when he sent the copy to me. I wish you would ask Mr. Hastings whether he can explain it there, and after Mr. Brown's return I will try to set it straight.

I am sorry to say that I have not accomplished much this vacation in the way of increasing the Endowment Fund. I went around one forenoon and got Rs. 120 subscribed, but have not found another single day to devote to it as Mr. Dickson left me to take care of his schools ,twenty of which were examined last month, and ten of Mr. Brown's this month, for all of which I had to examine and sign the registers and report slips. And then I was left to edit the Morning Star for four weeks while Mr. Dickson is away. I have had also to change the investment of some Local Funds,

as one of the men who had Rs. 10,000 wanted to sell some of his Estate and pay off his indebtedness, and I lent six thousand to the man who bought it. Since that another man who had Rs. 7,000 has paid in his money and I am negotiating with others who wish to borrow. Three men have applied for 5,000 each and I have to consult the Committee about the security they offer.

As to a union of colleges, nothing has been done since I wrote you before. I have spoken to several of the Directors about it, but they all seem to think that the Wesleyans will not agree to any plan which will leave the Tamils in control of affairs. They seem to think that it would result in bringing the College under the Wesleyan Mission. None of the Tamil men are ready to move in the matter. They are waiting for the missionaries to take the lead. I think that , as things now stand, it is probable that we shall be continued as a First Grade College even if we do not unite. Of course Dr. Miller being sick in Scotland and not able yet to return, we have not had the benefit of his influence. The difficulty is that the boys consider the Madras Matriculation harder than Calcutta, so they are inclined to try the Cambridge Local which will serve to get them into some employment, and only a few care to study unless they see how they are going to get returns in salary. A good many, I hear, talk of leaving as they think it will take a year longer than they had expected to pass their examination. I do not know how we shall come out.

We are much disappointed that Mr. Bicknell is to leave us at the end of next term as Mrs. Bicknell is ordered home by the Doctors. Mr. Ward will probably stay on till next March but not longer, Can you not send some one out with Mr. Hastings or sooner so that we shall not be without a third man next spring? I presume you will have consulted with Mr. Hastings about the matter.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors will probably not be held till June, after we hear the results of the Calcutta examinations of March, which we are expecting soon.

Faithfully yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

Rec'd SEP 30 1905

Jaffna College
Vaddukoddai, Ceylon,
Aug. 29, 1905.

Ans'd OCT 17 1905

Rev. James L.Barton, D.D.
Sec. Board of Trustees of Jaffna College,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

In the statement of accounts which I sent to you for last year , you wrote that there were two items that you did not understand, namely, May 18, Interest Rs. 750 and May 24, Tellipally Industrial School Rs. 130. I told you I thought Mr. Hastings could explain it. I had given it as furnished by Mr. Brown and as he was gone to the Hills when I received your letter I was not able to give an explanation. After Mr. Dickson came back from India I found out that the Rs. 130 was for printing the Catalog which Mr. Hastings was allowed to have charged to the Foreign Fund. All I could find out about the item of Interest was that it was transferred from Mr. Hastings account and seems to have been due to a mistake in crediting to this account interest on local endowment funds which should have been credited to the current account of the College. And so this item was to correct that mistake. I do not know whether you have received an explanation from Mr. Hastings or not,but I think that the balance was right. Except that the balance of my traveling expenses which I reported to you, you said would be settled here which I did not understand till after the end of the year, so that that amount, ~~Rs.~~ ~~$~~$113 should have been added to the debt of$587 making a debt of $700. Our salaries for the first half year were $1300, making $2000 needed to the end of June. You sent 450 pounds or $2250 so we had in hand $250 for the last half of the year. I did not put in anything for the Theological class tho that was allowed last year.Now that Mr. Bicknell is gone,(he leaves Jaffna tomorrow) the class will not stay here tho they have some reviewing to do, but it is arranged that they shall be doing more practical work under Mr. Brown's supervision, and it is expected that they will take their examination in Dec. As they will still be studying for this and will not really have finished their course we thought their salary might continue through the year making $86 in all.

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Salaries will be a little less on account of the Bicknells being away, but we heard yesterday that there is a Mrs. Fritts, so that it will take almost as much, say $1300 including the Theological class. Then Mr. Brown has furnished the Bicknells some $800 for travelling expenses. So we shall need about $1900 more. This is in addition to what is granted for library and apparatus. Mr. Hastings wrote that $1000 was voted for these things but did not say how much was for books and how much for apparatus. And I think you did not say anything about it. I have sent to Mr. Hastings a list of what I want to add to our apparatus and I think he will get also some more books. Perhaps these would be paid for there, but if it is left to be be settled when we know the cost of bringing them out we shall probably want $500 by that time.

Last Friday we had our Prizegiving at the close of the first term. It differed from any other in that we had the Governor, Sir Henry Blake, to preside. This was his first visit to Jaffna, and when we found that he was to be here that week I wrote to invite him to preside and he consented. We had a gymnastic exhibition for half an hour; then the literary exercises consisted of three orations competing for a prize. Lady Blake gave away the prizes and His Excellency made a short speech. The reporters for the Colombo dailies were here so the name of our College will be made more familiar to those in the south. The full account will be in the Miscellany The railway was opened on the first of August so that we seem more closely connected with the rest of the island.

We have not yet heard when Mr. Fritts is to start but hope we shall hear soon. Wish he were here now.

We all hope that the Bicknells will come back to Jaffna, for they have endeared themselves to all the people, and their influence is always for the best.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

W. E. Hitchcock

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Rec'd OCT 26 1905

Ans'd OCT 26 1905

Jaffna College,
Vadukoddai, Ceylon.
Sept.23, 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Sec. Board of Trustees of Jaffna College.

Dear Dr. Barton,

We were glad to learn by your letter of Aug. 10 that Mr. Fritts was to sail Sept. 18,(tho we have since heard that it is the 26.) We had hoped that he would start by the first of Sept. as Mr. Ward only consented to stay till the arrival of another man when it was decided that the Bicknells must go sooner, and he was hoping that he might get home before the severely cold weather. He is not yet quite sure whether he will go as soon as Mr. Fritts arrives, but if he does not it will mean that he must stay four or five months longer, for he will not dare to get home in the middle of winter. We shall be glad to have him stay through the year, but his lady at home is waiting and he is anxious to get home.

I do not quite see why the salary of Mr. and Mrs. Fritts is made less than that of others. Mr. Ward's pay is $500, but I understood ~~in~~ that was because hestipulated that he might return after two years. The Bicknells, the Elmers, and ourselves had $1000 per year, and the cost of living is higher than it was ten years ago. I would recommend that their salary be a thousand dollars, if the money can be found. Of course the traveling expenses this year are very heavy and it may be necessary to put the salary lower as we expected to have to pay only for a single man. I think, however, they will find it a small allowance.

You said nothing about Mr. Hastings' coming. But we have heard throu Mr. Brown that Mrs. Hastings' health has not improved so rapidly as was hoped and they may be delayed by that. I still hope that they may be back here before the end of the year.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

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Vadukoddai - Aug. 29/1905.

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Vaddukoddai, Ceylon,
Oct. 14, 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Sec. Trustees of Jaffna College,

Dear Dr. Barton,

Let me first of all explain that, as in former years the Treasurer of the College and the Mission Treasurer were the same person, and as at the beginning of the year the College was in debt to the Mission Treasurer, when I was made Treasurer the same custom was continued of drawing upon the Mission for salaries and your Draft which was sent to me I gave to Mr. Brown. It seems that he did not sell it till after the 30 June, so that the half-yearly account indicated that the College was in debt while it was not really so. Thus it was that Mr. Bicknell went to Mr. Brown for money for his travelling expenses, and I did not think of reporting the amount to you until the other day Mr. Brown asked whether he or I ought to report it. Perhaps he has since reported, but if not the following is how the account stands in the book: Due to Mr. Bicknell on salary up to Aug. 31, Rs. 303.08, Paid by Mr. Brown, Rs. 2550.00. So he should account for the difference, namely, Rs. 2247.92. It may be that Mr. Bicknell knew the sum due on his account but it may be that the amount of salary had not been calculated then. I did not ask him. We shall all be glad if he can come back again next year.

Mr. Ward wished very much to go home this fall, and tho it would be cold weather he was anxiously waiting to know just how soon Mr. Fritts would get here that he might start at once, when we heard that Mr. Hastings has put off his coming. So Mr. Ward consents to stay till next March. I am very glad to have him stay. But it has been a trying time for him since we heard that another man had been engaged for he thought that he would be here by this time and that he could go home as he had been expecting to for the last year.

We are very sorry that Mr. Hastings' coming is delayed, but rejoice that Dr. Scott is coming soon. I have received yours of Sept. 7 telling of Mr. Fritts' travelling expenses.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

Vaddukoddai, Ceylon. Sept. 28-1905.

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Vaddukoddai, Ceylon, Nov. 22, 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Sec. of Trustees of Jaffna College.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Yesterday I received your letter of Oct. 20 enclosing the First of Exchange No. 3069 on Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co. of London for 500 pounds stirling. I am very glad to receive it for we are in debt to the Mission Treasurer. This will, as you say, carry us into next year. I will send you a full statement for the year at the end of next month.

On Nov. 1st the Frittses arrived with the Scotts and Miss Howland, and we were glad to welcome them. We are well pleased with the Frittses. He is taking hold of the work which is somewhat difficult to take up in the middle of a term. But his eyes trouble him a little. We hope they will soon get stronger. He has not yet given in his account as on the way Dr. Scott's accounts and his were paid together and they have not yet settled the share of each.

There is no special news to give of the College except that we had interesting meetings each day during the Y.M.C.A. week of prayer. This is the rainy season and we are sure to have three or four sick boys almost every day,-cold and fever is the usual complaint. There has not been much sickness this year. Before Christmas we shall have our test examinations.

With cordial greetings,
Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock

Vaddukoddai. Oct. 14-1905.

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Jaffna College,
Vaddukoddai, Ceylon, Dec.18,1905.

Rev. James L.Barton, D.D.,
Secretary of Trustees of Jaffna College,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

It has been suggested that you would like a report of the College at the annual meeting of the Trustees, and if I wait till the end of the month when I can send the Treasurer's account it may not reach you in time, so I will send a brief account of the year's work now. I may say in regard to money matters that the 950 pounds sterling which you sent me will pay all expenses up to the end of Dec. and leave about $900 towards the books and apparatus , for which I understood that $1,000 was voted ,but you wrote that some had been given to Mr. Hastings for books, and perhaps you will pay Mr. Hosmer for the purchases he has made. I estimate the expense in round numbers as follows. Debt at the beginning of the year according to my letter of Aug. 29, $700, salaries about $2300, Mr. Bicknell's traveling expenses about $750, Theological class about $100. In all $3850.

I hope you will have sent the $50 in Dec. to my son Henry in Eureka, tho I did not remind you of it before.

Mr. Ward is planning now to leave here obout the end of Feb. to go home by way of China. So there will be his traveling expenses to meet. We did not feel that we could spare him before we got the B.A.classes ready for their examination.

We are much pleased with Mr. Fritts. Unfortunately Mrs. Fritts is finding it hard to get acclimated. But we hope she will soon be better. The rest of us are well. With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock

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Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai, Ceylon.
January 27, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Secretary of the Trustees of Jaffna College,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I enclose herewith the Account of the Jaffna College Foreign Fund for 1905. This shows a balance of Rs.2239.42 credit. But I should explain that I have not charged for the cost of new books and of new apparatus as the Mission Treasurer has not yet made out the accounts of the expenses of shipping, and I thought it should all come together. Moreover Mr. Hastings wrote that the Trustees voted $1000 for Library and Philosophical apparatus, but you said some money had been paid to him for books, and so I have left it to come in this year's account.

The balance of my traveling should have come in last year's account but I did not understand about it before the end of 1904 and so it was left out.

Mr. Bicknell was given for traveling more than the probable cost to guard against running short on the way, and I suppose he has accounted to you for the sum given.

For the Theological class the amount charged is the expense from April 1st 1904. As the College year closes then I did not think about putting it in till the College accounts were closed April 1st 1905. So ths this is the expense for 21 months less $50 which was sent to Mr. Hastings from America. The class is throughthe course so there will be no more expense of that kind till another class is taken, which may be desired when Mr. Hastings has returned and our B.A. class has graduated.

As for our needs for the first six months of this year, I estimate that we shall want some $1050 for salaries, Mr. Ward being here only two months, and $300 to give him for traveling. Then if we count the balance here towards the thousand dollars for Library and Apparatus there will be $250 still due on that account, making $1800 needed. Besides this, if the Hastings come early in the spring there will be their salary for two or three months to provide for. You will know

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better than I now do how soon the Hastings will be here. If you can send about $2000 it will take us on into the next half year.

Only Rs.100 have been paid in to the Local Endowment since last Apr. though I have obtained Rs. 180 of new subscriptions. I cannot find time to go round to solicit and these people will not send in without much urging. I think I have never been so pressed with work as I have since the Bicknells went away. Mr. Fritts is good to work but, going into classes in the middle of the year and taking up review, he cannot accomplish so much as Mr. Bicknell was doing. Then the Mission wanted me to look after the station work here and 27 schools under my management have been examined this month, besides which they appointed me to help Dr. Scott to audit the mission accounts. If it had not been for that I would have got this account to you sooner. I hope you will excuse my delay, and send Mr. Hastings back here as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock

Rec'd MAY 25 1906

Ans'd JUN 7 1906

Vaddukoddai, Ceylon.
April 24, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Secretary of Trustees of Jaffna College.

My dear Dr. Barton,

I received yesterday yours of March 21st with the First of Exchange for £ 400 sterling.

I am afraid I have not reported to you anything about Mr. Ward's traveling expenses, which I should have done a month ago. He drew only Rs. 459.00, using his own money for what more he should need on the way, expecting to get from you the balance of the cost of traveling. I am sorry I have neglected making the statement before. He will probably have sent in his account ere this. We were sorry to have him go, but he had stayed longer than the time agreed upon.

I am sorry that both Mr. and Mrs. Fritts have had a hard time getting acclimatized. Mrs. Fritts found that some kinds of food acted like poison and several times she has had a breaking out on her face and hands. She is better now however. Mr. Fritts also has to be somewhat careful about what he eats. Also his eyes are a little weak for much reading. Last month he was troubled with sleeplessness, which made his work harder. Dr. Scott has given him medicine which is helping him now.

It is a very hot time here this month, but we have holidays until May 14th. We had hoped that Mr. Hastings would be here about that time but that seems not likely now. We had a class of thirteen who took the examination for F.A. in March, the results of which are not yet known. The Madras University authorities are discussing proposed changes in the curriculum, and our relations to them are in statu quo.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock

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Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai, Ceylon.
June 18th, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Secretary, Trustees of Jaffna College,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Yours of May 15 came just in time to be acted upon at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, which was held on the 16th inst. The papers which you enclosed have been duly signed and sealed and are returned herewith. If the legacy is paid here it can be safely invested at 8%, and will thus bring in a good sum for helping to educate a student. I do not fully understand about the other scholarship funds which you speak of in your letter of Jan. 30. Is there any conditions as to their being used for Christian students, or otherwise?

I am sending you a copy of the Reports which I read to the Directors on Sat. It does not show a very encouraging state of affairs with so large a debt. I should say, however, that I have received Rs. 110 more towards the Local Endowment Fund, the accounts closing the 31st March. I should also explain that the Philosophical Apparatus is so much in credit because the last shipment did not arrive until about Apr. 1st and so had not been paid for. Now some Rs. 400 more has to be charged to that account.

We feel the need of the Principal's presence, for I cannot fill his place and did not expect to have to hold it more than a year. I am quite discouraged about ever securing the full amount of Rs. 10,000 for the Endowment Fund. We may reach Rs. 5,000 as we have more than that subscribed, but some will never be paid, especially where the subscribers have died without having paid. And new subscriptions are very hard to get as the cost of living has advanced in the last few years.

The question of union with the Wesleyans is likely to come up again, and the question of trying to get a Government grant is now on hand, i.e. I am to correspond with the Director of Public Instruction about it.

With kind regards,
Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

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Programme

of the

Prize Giving

at

Jaffna College

17th August, 1906

Hymn

1. We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

CHORUS. All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all His love.

2. He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star:
The winds and waves obey Him,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us His children
He gives our daily bread.

3. We thank Thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food,
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

Order of Exercises

Hymn

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Principal's Report

Song — *The School of Jolly Boys*

PRIZE DECLAMATION: *Mosquitoes*

S. Alalasundram.

Song — *Mermaid*

GRADUATING ORATION: *Ceylonese Political Emancipation.*

R. S. Rasaratnam.

Distribution of Prizes

Song — *Evening Bells*

Remarks

College Song

God Save the King

College Song

1. Come, let us to our College give
   The honour which is due,
   Whene'er we gather, while we live,
   Our filial love renew.

Chorus. Hurrah ! Hurrah !
   For Jaffna College we cheer.
   Where'er we roam, our College home
   We'll ever hold most dear.

2. We love her name, we'll guard her fame,
   While life and mem'ry last,
   Our loyalty shall be the same
   Where'er our lot be cast.

3. Here useful knowledge we may gain,
   Here learn from day to day
   How we true wisdom may obtain,
   To guide us through life's way.

4. "The Light of Life" is on her seal,
   And may this College be
   A place where all her sons shall feel
   That they the true light see.

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Ans'd OCT 5 1906

Jaffna College,
Vaddukoddai, Ceylon,
August 30, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Secretary Board of Trustees of Jaffna College,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

This is to acknowledge with thanks your Draft on Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co., No. 3177, for £300, as well as your letter of July 23. The indebtedness to the Mission Treasurer shown in the balance sheet is mostly due to the fact that he paid the accounts for the shipments of books and apparatus, but has not been paid the money for them which Mr. Hastings wrote me was voted for that purpose last year, viz. $1000, because you have never written that that was the amount, but have said that you had given some money to Mr. Hastings for books. So I had no authority to draw from the Foreign Fund, tho the Treasurer has that in his hands. The account of the Foreign Fund does not come into the College accounts audited by the Directors here except what is given for other purposes than our salaries, travelling, &c., but is kept by the Mission Treasurer as a separate account. So if you can tell how much you have given to Mr. Hastings and so how much more should be used for those expenses, he can take it from the balance which he has from the last Draft sent.

As to investing money safely at 8%, that is considered a low rate here. Most people get 9%, 10, or 12%. So we are able to insist on very good security, first mortgage on property worth more than double the amo unt of the mortgage, and have never lost any thus secured, tho we formerly lost money deposited in the Bank.

The question of union has not been definitely settled yet. The missionaries had a meeting to consider the question and resolved that it was desirable if it could be brought about without sacrificing any of the rights of either party. Mr Brown and Mr. Thompson (C.M.S.) were willing to try to work out a scheme which would be accepted. The Chairman of the Wesleyans said he was, personally, hopeless of effecting it, and many of the natives seem to think that union

would result in making it a Mission College instead of a people's College, and that they would have less rights or priveleges. But for all that they do not pay in the money needed to enable us to be really independent and able to compete successfully with the other Colleges and keep ahead. I shall do what I can to rouse them up in the next three or four months, but I am pressed for time since Mr. Ward left. I hope that Mr. Hastings will soon be on his way out, but if not, that Mr. Bicknell may come. Mr. Fritts has not yet got to be very vigorous in health, so that his work is hard for him. His eyes trouble him, so he cannot use them constantly, cannot use them much in the evening.

We had a successful Prize-giving on the 17th inst. tho Sir William Twynam was absent, being in Colombo on account of the illness of his daughter. The gymnastic exhibition before the other exercises was especially praised.

Mr. G.S.Eddy and the Tamil pastor of the Church in Pasumalai are holding meetings in the Colleges in Jaffna, and are to be here the first three days of September. We are hoping and praying for good results.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

W. E. Hitchcock

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Jaffna College,
Vaddukoddai, Ceylon.
Sept. 8th, 1906.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.
Secretary, Trustees of Jaffna College,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Thank you for your letter of Aug. 1st enclosing the $500 bequest of Mary A. Elwood for establishing a scholarship to train Christian helpers. I have sent a formal receipt to Mr. John P.Fisk, the Executor. The Second of Exchange for £360 was also received. I acknowledged the receipt of the First in my last letter

I am sorry that Mr. Hastings is not coming back next month as we had expected. We shall be glad to have either Dr. Howland or Mr. Bicknell. And we hope one of them may come this year. We like Mr. Ward as a teacher, but I doubt whether he could fill the place of Principal. At any rate it would be better to have one who has had a Theological training. You will of course let us know as soon as any definite news can be given.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. Hitchcock

Vaddukoddai, Ceylon. Aug. 30-1906.

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Ans'd AUG 15 1907

copy of request for $2000 for house in Kodaikanal sent Dr. Daniels Aug 15

Jaffna College,
Vadukoddai, Ceylon.
July 6th, 1907.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees of Jaffna College.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have not yet received any remittance this year, though I was hoping to receive a Draft in June. I hope it may come before many days. I am sending you with this an appeal to the Board of Trustees for a grant sufficient to build a house at Kodaikanal. Some may question why we should not build on the Hills in Ceylon. The chief reason is that, though the journey is less difficult, the Hill station in Ceylon is the place of resort for the Governor and other Government officials and consequently is a place of fashionable society and high prices, while Kodaikanal is the annual resort of hundreds of missionaries, so that the society is congenial and conferences are held there which are of much value to those who have been almost alone, as it were, through the year. Further, the Mission having land at Kodai and allowing us to ~~live~~ build there reduces the expense a great deal. The travelling now is much easier than it was a few years ago, for the railway is built from Madura to the coast at Paumben, leaving only about sixty miles to go by sea.

As a house cannot be ready for the next hot season, and as most, if not all, of the missionaries will wish to go at about the same time, there will not be room for us in the Jaffna House. This year we felt that we were crowding them too much, four families living together. So I now ask you to present to the Board of Trustee our request for a grant for house-rent, sixty to seventy-five dollars, as we do not have a sufficient health allowance to meet this charge ourselves, but feel more than formerly the need of going every year.

Vadukoddai Ceylon Sept. 8-1906.

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Ans'd AUG 23 1907

Jaffna College,
Vaddukoddai, Ceylon,
July 23rd, 1907.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Jaffna College,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Last week I sent you the Principal's Report and the Treasurer's Report, hurrying them off to catch the steamer without stopping to write anything. The meeting of the Directors was first called for the 22nd of June, but owing to absences from Jaffna and to ill health of some we could not get a quorum, and so postponed it for three weeks. The reduction of the number of students to 80 where it was 120 or more two years ago makes it a problem how we can meet our expenses. The number of classes is not less but the number in a class, so we cannot dispense with any teacher and do justice to all the classes. So the need is to attract more boys. If we had an able Principal we might draw in boys by our reputation; but it was thought that the lower schools do not prepare boys with sufficient thoroughness, but are inclined to cram them up for admission before they are far enough advanced and so it is impossible to prepare them for the University examination at the time they hoped, then there are many failures and we get a poor reputation. So it was thought that the best way to remedy the defect would be to have if possible some control of the lower standards and after a good deal of talk a Committee was appointed to consider combining the College and the High School at Vaddukoddai. Their highest standards are practically the same as our lowest classes, and if we were united we might present half our boys for Government grant and thus get six or seven hundred rupees a year which now we do not try for. practically, we should have to give up being exclusively a boarding institution and have the College include lower classes down to the primary, as is done in the other Colleges in Ceylon.

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Either that or we must give over our lower classes to the High school and try to make it a strong school and confine ourselves to College classes proper when we should not need so many teachers. That would be desirable, I think, if we had a sufficient number of students. But unless we can come to some agreement for union with the other denominations it is sure to be too small for economical working for a long time. So I rather think we shall come to the conditio of the other colleges and begin with the first standard and be registered as a school for Government grant-in-aid. It may result in giving up all connection with the University of Madras. If we could get a Ceylon University we should be willing to do so, but with the present arrangements it would amount to lowering our standard to the F.A., giving up the last two years of our present course. The Madras University has not yet given any decision with regard to permanent affiliation, we are simply taken over from Calcutta provisionally, and I am afraid that our poor results last December have reduced our chances of being affiliated to the B.A. standard, tho our results in the B.A. examination were better than in the F.A.

If we join forces with the High School here it will be a closer connection with the American Mission. Some of the Directors have always clung to the idea of being inter-denominational and they may think now they they would lose some of their power if it were more connected with the Mission. The meeting was a long one and did not finish all the business. we are to meet again the 10th of August and hear the report of the Committee. I will not , therefore , say any more about it till after that meeting.

I have not yet received any remittance for the year's expenses, only the balance left over at the close of the year, which would meet our salaries to the end of June nearly. I hope that more is on the way.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock

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Jaffna College,
Vaddukoddai, Ceylon,
November 14th, 1907.

Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.
Secretary of the Trustees of Jaffna College,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have received your letters of October 5th and 7th and I want to thank you and the Trustees for the kind way in which you have granted our requests. It seems quite necessary to build a house somewhere to which we may go for the hot weather, and working with the Mission and having permission to build on land already owned by them it will be much cheaper to build at Kodaikanal than any where else.

I want to thank you also for your kind words about Mrs. Hitchcock and myself. In writing on the subject of asking that the foreign professors be appointed missionaries of the American Board I was not thinking so much of the present as of the future. If the men to be appointed are examined as the missionary candidates are and possess such qualifications as the Board requires , we should feel confident of having good men. When I came I had no examination at all. So far as I know I had only the recommendation of President Seelye of Amherst College. The second time I had the approval of the Principal here, Dr. Howland. I should be gratified to be made a missionary of the American Board, but you know I am only a layman, and have not had a course of theological study.

As for asking Mr. Ward to come and join us again, it is not thought here that he is the man to become Principal, but we should be glad to have him on the teaching staff to take the place of Mr. Fitts if he has to leave. His health is not yet good, tho he is better than last year. He cannot use his eyes much in the evening. Mrs. Fritts' health, too, is not vigorous. I believe the Doctor is of the opinion that this climate will not do for them. We will try to find out whether Mr. Ward will come back, but please try to find some one to fill the Principal's chair.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock

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Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai,
Ceylon, Feb.29, 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees of Jaffna College.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have received your letter of January 25, reporting the action of the Trustees at the annual meeting. The appointment of Mr. Brown as Principal subject to the approval of the Directors here is in accordance with my thought of the best solution of the problem before us. Your statement of the reasons makes the matter very plain, and Mr. Brown's letters makes his position unmistakable. We shall call a special meeting of the Directors in a week or two (a week's notice must be given) to decide the matter. I find that Mr. Dickson is not in favor of letting Mr. Brown leave the Mission at present as he wishes to take his furlough soon and a new man if sent out would have to study the language a year before he could do Mr. Dickson's work. He thinks also that several of the Directors do not like him and that they would not get along smoothly. He had not expressed such an opinion before I suggested Mr. Brown's name to you, and I still think the difficulties are not likely to arise if the Directors vote for him. But there are some on the Board who may be opposed. But after reading Mr. Brown's letters and knowing that the Trustees there are in favor of this plan, I doubt whether they will really offer any opposition. If they do, and you cannot find the man you want, I do not see but that we shall have to get a University man and let the theological class be trained separately, perhaps in India. We shall soon see how the Directors take it.

I send you herewith the balance sheet of the accounts for last year, showing a balance on hand of Rs.4290.84. This is Rs.138 less than I ~~xxxxxxx~~ had it when taking your remittances at three rupees to

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W. E. Hitchcock
Kodaikanal, India,
April 1st 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Sec. Trustees of Jaffna College.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I owe you an apology for not writing sooner to report to you the action of the Board of Directors with reference to the appointment of Mr. Brown as Principal. When your letter came announcing the action of the Trustees, Dr. Scott was just about to take his family to the Hills. A meeting of the Directors requires seven days

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notice, so it was necessary to wait till his return, as he is Secretary. A meeting was called for March 14th and after a consideration of your letter and those of Mr. Brown, it was the unanimous vote of all who were present, (thirteen of the members) to elect Mr. Brown to be Principal, though some thought it would not be possible to carry through any scheme of union with the Wesleyans.

As it was too late for a letter to reach you before Mr. Brown would be sailing, I sent

a cable that he might know - before starting what he was coming to.

I put off writing till I could send answers to the Circular, which I had hoped to have ready two weeks ago, but there were many interruptions and I did not succeed in getting it done before coming over to Kodai, for which I am sorry.

We have not yet received any definite reply from the University of Madras as to whether they will make the affiliation of our College permanent, as it was taken over from Calcutta only provisionally.

They are requiring much more of first grade Colleges and are likely to do away with second grade Colleges altogether.

We had no passes in the Matriculation examination this year; only 17% of passes in the whole University. We passed 4 out of 7 in the F. A., while the B. A.s passed in only one branch each. In the Cambridge examinations, half our Seniors passed and all our Juniors.

The chief reason to hope that a union may be effected with the Wesleyans is that they were affiliated only as a second grade

llege, that is, up to F. A.,
nd if all such colleges
must rise to first grade
or be only High Schools,
they may find it necessary
to join with us in making
a strong college. Or, we
may leave Madras alto-
gether and take up the
London examinations,
tho they are very expensive
and require more languages.

In your report of the
meeting of the Trustees you
did not say whether they
voted the payment of Mr.
Thomas salary and the repairs

of our house, though I put them into the account; and suppose they were allowed or you would have reported it.

I fear we shall not finish our new house before next March. The leveling is nearly done but the man who was to make the estimates was sick and no plan with estimate of the cost has yet been made. Various plans have been made but we fear they will cost too much, so we are modifying them.

We are living in a nearly new house here

this year. Dr. Scott & family, Dr. Cure, Miss Howland and Miss Green occupy Jaffna House, while the Dickson, the Fritter, & ourselves have this house, about a mile from them.

We had much pleasure in having visits, though all too brief, from Mr. & Mrs. Rust, Dr. & Mrs. Capen, Mr. & Mrs. Hicks, & Mr. & Mrs. Beach; more American visitors than we have had in any year before. They will be able to report to you what they saw in Jaffna.

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From W. E. Hitchcock, Vaddukkoddai, Ceylon.

To Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D. July 14th, 1908.

Secretary, Trustees of Jaffna College.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I must apologize for the delay in sending you my reports presented to the Board of Directors on the 27th of June. The fact is that I had the reports written but not copied for I had not been able to get the treasurer's account ready long enough before to know what to say about it. This was because we went to the Hills in India and depended on the steamer which plies around the Island once in two weeks. So, in order not to lose nearly two weeks of our stay there, we came back two days after the term began. I had intended to have the clerk get every thing entered up for me in vacation but as he had to attend to repairs of the houses and other buildings he did not finish the accounts, and as I had to enter into the full work of the term I could find but little time to help him. Immediately after the Directors meeting we had our test examinations to select the candidates for the Cambridge examinations and also my time was partly taken in moving Mrs. Hitchcock over to Udupiddi. I am sorry it has been so long but I have had no spare time.

I think the report gives all the explanation needed, perhaps, unless it be about making the year end a month later than before. This is because the Madras examinations come in December instead of March as the Calcutta examinations did and so we have a longer vacation at Christmas time than formerly and so the term might sometimes run by the end of March. This year the term was to end the 3rd of April. The rest of April and two or three weeks of May is vacation so there is but little difference in the expense except that in paying the teachers we pay for every month whether term time or vacation and so their salary for April comes in but the other expenses of the term are the same, only beginning later in January and running beyond March. I had hoped to keep from increasing the debt, but the number of boys being small I did not want to reduce the number by sending them away for lack of paying up their dues, so I was too lenient with them and the term ended with a good deal due in the boarding department. Then the Endowment was not paid in early enough to receive any interest on the additional amount this year. It is expected that we shall get a grant from Government next year, so it was voted to apply the interest on the Endowment to paying off the debt and also to increase the boarding fees Rs. 2 per term for each boy. Thus we hope to reduce the debt the coming year.

Mr. Brown was appointed Treasurer for the coming year, so you will hereafter receive reports from him. The money sent from America for house rent at Kodaikanal and for building a new house

there was not brought into the account for the auditor here any more than our salaries. That money all goes into the hands of the Mission Treasurer and is audited with the mission accounts. I may say here that the house rent, Rs. 225, was all spent in hiring a house which was sufficient for three families, the Dicksons, the Frittses, and ourselves. The year before we had been given room in Jaffna House while some of the missionaries went to Nuwera Eliya, so this year when Jaffna House was not sufficient for all we gave room to the Dicksons. As for the new house, there was a good deal of expense in blasting to get the site level and the man who was to make our plans and estimates was taken sick and the work was thus delayed so that it was not till we came away that anything more than digging the foundation was done, but the basement has now been built. The health of Mr. Taylor, who made the plans and estimates, would not permit him to take the contract for building as we had hoped, and we could not find a reliable man who was ready to take the contract. The Tamil maestries are willing to undertake it but we do not rely on their work without an overseer. We finally prevailed upon a man who has had experience to look after the foundation and basement but he has too much work to do and was not willing to take the contract for the whole. So the work is at a standstill now. We must either persuade him to go on with it or we must entrust it to some one else whom we hope to find soon. I have already paid out Rs. 780 . Of this Rs.100 was in the account which I sent you for 1907. More is due on the work of the basement but the bill has not yet come. We had hoped to get it ready for next March, but unless we find an overseer very soon I am afraid that will not be possible, for the rainy season will delay the work.

As soon as the Directors had voted their acceptance of the appointment of Mr. Brown as Principal of the College last March, Dr. Scott said to me, "If Mr. Brown is to come to the College you will have to come into Mission work". And as no new missionary family had been appointed to this Mission, the members here felt that with Mr. Brown in College work it was necessary to have some of the Station work given to some one else for Mr. Dickson could not continue to carry all the burdens he was having. So they voted to ask permission to transfer us temporarily to Mission work. At the meeting of the Directors, altho there had not been time to hear from you in reply to the request of the Mission, I asked to be released from the College for this purpose, and the request was granted. But as one of the teachers was given sick leave I am obliged to continue teaching this term, up to the 21st of August, after which Mr. York will come to help.

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But as the Girls' Boarding School at Udupiddi had been opened and this required Mr. Dickson to maintain two establishments, it was thought best that Mrs. Hitchcock should go over there at once and take charge of the school while I board with Mr. and Mrs. Fritts, and I can get off from duties on Saturdays and Sundays and go there for those days. The College will pay half our salary for these two months and the Mission half.

Now as the College ceases to pay us, except to give me something for these two months, the question of allowances for children comes up. Mr. Dickson tells me that for children in America nothing comes into his account. So, as I understand it, I should apply for an allowance for our son Henry, 14 next November, who is now in Denmark, Iowa, to attend the Academy there. I believe $250 is granted for such a child. If this is right, will you communicate with Mr. A.T.Houston, Denmark, Iowa, regarding the payment.

Our second son, Richard, 10 years old in October, is in the School for missionaries children at Kodaikanal, where he has to pay board and tuition. As the expense there is more than the allowance, I wish to make a request that instead of the ten per cent. allowance a special allowance may be made on account of his going away from home for his education. It need not be so much as for his brother in America, but I believe that $200 was thus granted to Dr. Scott for his daughter who is in the same school, and my request is for the same amount.

Mrs. Hitchcock is at Udupiddi, living there alone, only that I was there for two days, and hope to go every week. We have just heard from Dr. Scott that the Prudential Committee has sanctioned the arrangement for our taking up mission work. I should not have chosen to make the change from College work which is all in English to Station work where Tamil is needed which I can use but little, tho Mrs. Hitchcock knows it well, if the present circumstances of the Mission did not make it seem almost necessary. I want to thank you for your kind words regarding our appointment as missionaries of the American Board, and to assure you that we deem it a privilege to be thus connected with the Board and to serve under its direction.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock.

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From W. E. Hitchcock, Valvettiturai, Vaddukkoddai, Ceylon.

To Rev. James L. Barton, D.D. September 28 1908.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M., Boston, Mass.

Vaddukkoddai Ceylon - July 14-1908

Dear Dr. Barton,

I received this morning your letter of the 27th ult. informing me of the action of the Prudential Committee in granting my request for allowances for our children, and I wish to thank you very much for it. It is entirely satisfactory to us. Our son Henry is not now with Rev. W. H. Houston in Kansas, but with Mr. A. T. Houston, Denmark, Iowa, who will send to you for the money when he needs it.

In this Udupiddi field which the Mission has consigned to my care there are three churches, two of them having pastors, and 22 vernacular day schools besides two English schools and the Girls' Boarding School. Mrs. Hitchcock has charge of the Boarding School, but I am manager of all these schools which get grants-in-aid from the Government, but that is not sufficient to maintain them in proper condition. Yet we have no money for them, except what the Woman's Board gives for girls schools, and except in the English schools we can collect no tuition, the people being very slow to buy the necessary books even. Many of them will not send their children to school from day to day unless a teacher comes to the house to call them and take them along with him. Also many are kept out to watch when the palmyra fruits fall that they may not be stolen, or to watch the cows in the field, as soon as they are six or seven years old. The greatest problem connected with the schools is to get money enough to pay the teachers a sufficient amount so that they will not stay away frequently to attend to other business. For when we pay a teacher less than a dollar a month we cannot find fault if he tries to carry on some other work to eke out a livelihood. The pastors all think that to establish a school in a village is the best way to get a foothold for carrying on work there. So the lack of money for schools, vernacular day schools, is the first difficulty I meet with.

We had several days of evangelistic work about ten miles away from the Station during the moonlight this month. We found that the people listened very attentively. We enjoyed the trip very much. But it is only in moonlight evenings that they will come out from their homes to attend meetings. As my 22 schools are to be examined next month I am busy now looking after them.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

W. E. Hitchcock

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Inuvil, Ceylon.
April 12, 1909.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Secretary A.B.C.F.M.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I write to ask for an interpretation of the application of section 3 under Outfits in the Handbook, in the case of the withdrawal of a missionary within five years. The rule says "all articles of such outfits as were not for personal use are to be left at the station" etc. At the last Mission meeting action was taken (reported to you I presume by the Secretary) requesting Miss Scott Patten to withdraw from the Mission. It was thought by some that in such a case the rule need not be insisted on; by others that in case of withdrawal for any cause the rule must be enforced; and I, as Treasurer, was asked to obtain the opinion of the Board.

The reason for the inquiry is that she has purchased very little, so far as we know, which was not for personal use, the house at Inuvil being furnished; so, there being nothing to leave at the station, it becomes a question of asking her to repay the money not spent for outfit, if any. And if she has not the money now, should it be taken from the passage money allowed. If so she might not be able to get home. So there may be a difficulty, because no account has been asked of our missionaries as to what part of their outfit was spent for articles of personal use and what part for furnishings. Will you kindly send me instructions in the matter?

If I may add to this letter a personal word, I am happy to report that we have a third son, John David, born April 7th. That is the reason for the heading of this letter, Inuvil. We have come here for some weeks that Mrs. Hitchcock might be under Dr. Curr's care. She is doing well, and we shall hope to return to Udupiddi in about a month. Please address letters to Valvettiturai, Ceylon. If you put on Jaffna the letters are delayed a day in town.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,
W. E. Hitchcock

Addu Udupiddi Ceylon
Sept. 28, 1908

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Valvettiturai, Ceylon,
July 18, 1909.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Secretary A.B.C.F.M.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have delayed answering your letter of May 17 chiefly because I was waiting to have Miss Patten's affairs adjusted. She took her two months holiday on the Hills and did not return to Jaffna till the 28th of June, and did not send in her resignation till after her return although she was asked in March to send it in soon. As to outfit she did not say how much she had paid for personal clothing, but I considered that the $250 given might be divided into $150 for personal use and $100 or Rs. 300 for furnishing. She had some things to leave in the house the cost of which amounted to Rs.136. She said she had nothing with which to repay the balance except her June salary. But as she owned a horse, I said I thought that would come under the definition of the purpose for which the outfit was given,—to enable her to perform her work more efficiently, as she was sometimes called to visit patients in their homes. So she left the horse with harness,etc., and thus brought the sum to Rs.333. I paid her a traveling allowance to England according to the rates given by Thos. Cook and Son, with estimated additional expenses to take her to her home, and she left Jaffna on the morning of the 10th. She may have seen the justice of leaving her outfit with the mission, but she evidently thought us very hard and cruel for insisting on it. I believe she needs to be directly under some man who is accustomed to exercise authority, as she probably was in the London Hospital. But here she wanted to put herself forward and exercise the authority herself. I think all the missionaries feel relieved to have her gone.

I have been busy for the last two weeks getting ready the semi-annual statement of accounts to send to the Treasurer, which is just finished. Others will have written to you about the Christian Convention held at Uduvil from the 21 to the 25 of June for the three

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Treasurer

missions with Messrs. Eddy, Walker, and Larsen as leaders. These men are all experienced in such work and spoke very effectively. The church was crowded full at almost every meeting, in fact at many sessions there was not room for all who came and another meeting was held in the school room. I do not think I have ever seen such large audiences, over a thousand, so quiet and attentive day after day. At a meeting for the school girls only, eighteen girls rose to express their desire to live a Christian life, four of them were from our boarding school here at Udupiddi, and others who did not rise in that meeting have since expressed the same desire. The teachers too seem to have gained much benefit from the meetings, and we are feeling much encouraged in regard to spiritual things. Four girls joined the Church here last Sunday. Two others had applied but as they joined the school only this term it was thought best for them to wait till next time. The week after the Convention an evangelistic campaign was arranged in the east side of the Varany field, at which the pastors of Udupiddi and of Achchuvely , the pastor's wife and two Bible women, and four or five other members went to help the Varany catechist and the teachers in that field for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of July. A communion service was held there on Sunday, ten miles from here, at which four were baptized and two who had been previously baptized were received into membership. The men who went there to work seem to think that a very hopeful field as the people listened to them carefully. "The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few".

I thank you for the kind interest you take in our little John and the greetings sent him on behalf of the Board. He is well and growing up, and we hope he may in time serve God under this Board, or if not, that he will serve Him well in some place. Dr. Scott was over here last Sunday and baptized him, that part of the service being in English.

I must apologize for not before acknowledging the receipt of your book, Daybreak in Turkey, for which I owe you many thanks. I made use of it at the time the news of Abdul Hamid's deposition came to explain in the Morning Star what led to the present situation in that country, which I could not have done without it. It is an interesting book throughout.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

H. E. Hitchcock

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Valvettiturai, Ceylon,

September 21, 1909.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I don't know whether any one has sent you a picture of the four babies of our mission which was taken at the time of the mission meeting in July. I will send a copy now so that there will be one at the Rooms at any rate, and if some one else has already sent, this will confirm the reality of it! The picture was taken by Mr. Ward in a short recess of our business. It created quite a little diversion. He took one also of the babies with their mothers, but that did not seem so unique as the four babies in a row.

On the 19th of August our Boarding School girls went home for a vacation till the 8th of September. The next Monday we went over to the bungalow on the sea shore and lived there for two weeks. Mrs. Hitchcock likes the sea bathing very much. Miss Howland and Miss Green also spent a week with us there. It is in my field so I could go on with my work to a considerable extent. The Pastor here organized a series of special evangelistic meetings for a week, beginning the 30th of August. He got the help of the Pastor and a Bible Woman from Atchuvely, and of the Bible Women and several teachers here. The plan was to visit from house to house in a village through the day and to hold a public meeting in the evening with three speakers. Dividing into parties they would have two meetings at the same time in two different villages, except that on Thursday evening there was a meeting here arranged by the Jaffna ~~Christian~~ Christian Union, in which a speaker is appointed from each of the three Missions to present a topic related to the others, and these meetings are carried on in the bright moonlight nights for six months, thus presenting the same subject in most parts of the peninsula. We had a good audience that evening, and two good meetings on Monday, but the others were much interfered with by the rain. We have had more rain this year in the latter part of August and the first part of September than any year before within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, they say.

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However we hope some good was done in the three or four days in which the workers were visiting the people.

We took one day of the vacation to go to Chavakacherri and meet the helpers there. It was the first time this year that Mrs. Hitchcock has been able to go with me. It is a fifteen miles drive from here. The Pastor there resigned to go to the work in the Islands under the Native Evangelical Society, and Pastor Bryant of Navaly was called to Chavakacherri. He came the 1st of September, and he is I think leading the people there to unite together more heartily than they have done for some years. I was there again last Sunday and was much pleased with the way the work is now going on.

Our school here was under a disadvantage last term in that there was much sickness,—fever and dysentery and mumps. This term the girls had not been here a week before one of them came down with measles and had to be sent home, and two days later another. It is uncertain how many more will be taken with it as a result.

Today we have had the funeral of one of the members of this Church, the wife of one of our day school teachers, who has suffered much for many months. There are three little children left behind, so it seems very sad for them. She had come out from a Sivite family and was an exemplary Christian.

We are looking forward now to the annual meeting on the 15th of Oct. at Manipay. We rejoice much in the success of the joint campaign, and hope the Board came through the year without any debt, but of course we have not yet heard about the final days of the financial year.

The Government examination of my forty-four schools will come in October and November, so I shall be kept pretty busy , I expect, the rest of the year.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hitchcock

Rev. J. W. Howland
174 W 76 st New York City.

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Dear Dr. Barton,

If you have a supply of the College pamphlets I would be much obliged if you could send me half a dozen.

I expect to leave my present place of work when the time for which I was engaged is up in June. If you can help me in securing a place as pastor of a church I shall be grateful. With kind regards yours sincerely

J. W. Howland.

P.S. You will perhaps have heard of the death of my bro. Edward's wife at Holyoke on Sunday the 8th H.

Rev. S. W. Shopland
Old Orchard, Maine 168.
13th Aug.

AUG 15 1900
AUG 17 1900

Dear Dr. Barton,

We seem to be kept in an unsettled state. Pres. Frost of Berea Coll. wrote to Dr. Creegan that he would like me to come and visit them in Sep. with view to becoming pastor there. I am writing to know about the climate, and also of the probability of remaining, as I could not go without my wife, and would not want to go unless there were a strong probability of remaining. Six weeks ago Dr. Reed, Pres. of Bible Normal College in Springfield wrote me about taking Prof. Conklin's place as he was leaving. Last week he wrote that they had arranged to get along without any other one. Later he wrote asking me to let him know if I had no engagement before Sep. I think I wild like the work there and that I might do well in it. It seems a very important work, and a great pity that the College

should not be full. Also I should think that a reduction of staff would seriously affect the attractiveness of the Institution and so still further reduce its number and impair its usefulness. Mrs. Wheeler of Turkey, who is here now, has a ~~daughter~~ niece there and she is very anxious that we go there. I do not know, but presume the difficulty is financial. As you are interested in the College as well as in us, could you not do something to bring about an arrangement. There were less than forty students last year which was about a third of their capacity to accommodate. My wife is getting pretty strong here, as we have had very little warm weather. With kind regards from us both,

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Miss Susan R. Harris
Rec'd APR 29 1903
Ordinville Jaffna Ceylon
March 30th '03
169.
Ans'd APR 30 1903

Dear Dr Barton -

The parents of the little boy bearing your name gave Dr Scott photographs of their children. We heard soon after of Miss Child's death but I am sending the photograph thinking that some one of Miss Child's friends may care for it.

They should have been sent sooner but will reach you earlier than if Dr & Mrs. Scott had taken them.

I thank you for the letter received when we were having the excitement on the caste question - I need not write more on that subject as Miss Root

has written very fully - Things quieted down during the last term of the school year -

Twelve of our pupils confessed their faith in Christ and were received into the church at our last communion March 1st - Our school term & year closed March 8th

With kind regards to Mrs Barton -

Yours sincerely

Susan R Howland

Miss Susan R. Howland

Rec'd MAY 2 190

Ans'd MAY 3 1904

Colombo Ceylon –
April 2nd '04

Dear Dr Barton

I am leaving Ceylon probably by the S.S. Chesline of the Bibly Line – I do not yet know by what steamer I shall cross the Atlantic – If there is not time to inform by letter from London I would like to telegraph to Boston the name of steamer and will esteem it a favor if my brother can be informed that he may meet me in New York – His address is

Mr. David Howland
35 Francis St –
Providence, Rhode Island

I will write if there is time - & not telegraph -- I feel that I ought not to trouble you with this but if you ask some one at the Rooms - to send this word if needed I shall be grateful -

Mr & Mrs Hastings are expecting to come two months later -

I hope that this letter will catch the German Steamer that leaves today & so get ahead of me -

With kind regards to Mrs Barton

Yours sincerely
Susan R H Newland

Admiral Jaffna Ceylon

Miss Susan R. Howland.

Rec'd MAY 11 1904 171.

23 Torrington Square
London
May 2nd '04

Dear Dr Barton

As I am staying in London a week I did not need to send a cablegram I have written to my brother to expect me by the Cunard Line - May 14th - I have taken a 2nd class ticket in that steamer -

I had a very good and restful journey to England

With kind regard to Mrs Barton & self

Yours truly

Susan R. Howland

received a sufficient
number of the Reports
I can use all those
sent for me - but I under-
stand the edition was
not very large - and do
not wish to have more
than my share if needed
more - elsewhere -
I have had a restful
summer -
Yours truly
Susan R Holbrook
Holyoke Mass -

Miss Susan R. Hoolland
RECEIVED AUG 8 1904
Lit. sent -

Conway Mass
Aug 8th '04

Rev J. L. Barton: -
Dear Dr Barton -
Kindly send
the reports of the Ceylon
Mission to Holyoke Mass
as I expect to be there
some days next week -
I would send postage
but do not know how
much it will be - so will
wait on receipt of reports
I hope that you and the
ladies of the W. B. M. have

Miss Susan R. Howland,

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Rec'd DEC 24 1904

Atlanta Theol. Sem -
Atlanta Ga - Dec 19th '04

Rev J. Barton D.D. -

Ans'd DEC 27 1904

Dear Sir -

There is a graduate nurse - a Miss Harvey, who graduated at Long Branch, New Jersey, who would like to go to the foreign field and prefers India or Ceylon -

She is temporarily helping in the Leonard St Orphanage in Atlanta, because of the great need there - I am very pleased with what I have seen of her and wish that - it was work at Home that she would like - so that I might

ask if she could be sent there.

Miss Chadwick, in charge of the orphanage speaks very highly of Miss Harvey - her systematic work - cheerfulness etc! Miss Harvey thoughts of taking the course at Northfield but as she is 27 years old - it would be much easier to commence studying the language now than a few years later -

A letter from Dr Scott today speaks of a graduate nurse having been found for Jaffna so that I fear I am too late in writing about Miss Harvey It was not of my seeking but because I am a missionary from Ceylon that I was asked about it -

Miss Harvey has worked as a Christian worker. Her home is in California but she has been absent from there for 7 years and would wish to visit home before leaving U.S.A -

If a nurse has been found for Jaffna - I must tell her that she need not apply with the hope of being sent there - I thoughts that it would do no harm to write about her -

Early in the Summer I ineluctrec that Prof Morel of Smith College had recommended several young ladies - for Uduvil - school work - I have often wondered whether no one was willing to go or other reasons hindered -

With the season's greetings for Mrs Barton & self -

Yours sincerely

Susan B Haviland

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Rec'd JAN 16 1905

Atlanta Theol Seminary
Atlanta Ga - Jan 12th '05

Ans'd JAN 17 1905

Rev J. Barton DD -

Dear Dr Barton -

I saw Miss Harvey a few days after receiving your letter and find that she is thinking that she would like to take up some Bible study - and so does not feel ready to go to Ceylon - I gave her your address and asked her to write to you - but she may feel that it is not worth while to trouble you if she does decide to take more study - She also fears that she cannot be spared from the orphanage before June next -

Her address would be - Leonard St
Orphanage - Atlanta Ga - (Miss Heavey)
I certainly understood that she wished
to have me write before and she says
now that she would be very glad to
go if she were free to go now &
visit her home in California first - so
~~the~~ seems rather uncertain that she
will be available

I am writing to Miss Stanwood
to ask what is expected in regard
to my return to Ceylon

It sometimes seems as if my
brother needed one and yet I do
not like to give up the thought of
returning - to the work there - and
do not give it up

I want to do whatever is right & best —

Yours sincerely

Susan R Howland

Susan R. Howland.
Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 12, 1905

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Ans'd JUN 7 1905

Holyoke Mass
May 26th '05

My Dear Miss Stanwood

I thank you for your kind letter of sympathy - I write to ask if it is decided when Miss Caswell - the trained nurse goes to Ceylon - (I am not sure I have her name right.) The Missionaries would be glad to have me back there in September which would mean starting early in August

Must I make formal request to the N.B.M. to be sent back to Ceylon - I suppose that I should begin to plan for steamer etc - if I am returning soon -

I have not heard whether Mrs Scott is better so that they will

be returning soon - and Dr Scott wrote of some one who he thought might be willing to go to Uduvil. When will the Executive Committee meet when my return to Ceylon could be decided -

Yours very sincerely
Susan R Rowland

June 1st I was hoping for a reply and find that this was not mailed -

Miss R. Rowland
Batticotta - Ceylon. May 26-1905.

176.
Rec'd JUN 10 1905
Ans'd JUN 15 1905

Holyoke Mass
June 9th '05

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of June 8th was received this morning. I also had a short call from Mrs Caswell.

The Cutler proposed going to Seattle for the Board meeting and then going to Ceylon from the Pacific Coast. She thought that this met your approval.

It is hard to determine whether

It would make more than two weeks difference in time of reaching Ceylon -

It would be very nice to have the opportunity to go that way - I will do as you think best.

I hear from Ceylon that they are anxious for both Miss Caswell & myself to get there as soon as possible -

The moving of Udupitiya school to Udwil for the year has increased work there -

This moving of Udupitiya to Udwil shows the need of another single lady in the Mission - Miss Root will be needing a vacation in a year or two - Not only should there be

some one there then - but there is outside work among the people that should be done - which both Miss Root & my self would be glad to have time to do

I hope that the interest of Mr St John ~~gifts~~ gift can be used for necessary equipments & repairs when needed in the school. We need so many things which we have not been able to have for want of funds

I understood Mr St John a year ago that he preferred to have it for an endowment fund than for buildings - but he has probably expressed his wishes to you -

Very sincerely
Susan R Howland

Susan R. Howland

Holyoke - Trace. June 9 - 1905.

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Rec'd JUN 24 1905
Ans'd JUN 24 1905

Conway Mass
June 22nd 05

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Dr Barton

I thank you for the letter of June 15th. I have delayed a little in writing in reply, hoping to hear from Dr & Mrs Scott - but I heard nothing definite in regard to their return to Ceylon - only that Mrs Scott is improving slowly.

I am ready to start for Ceylon the first week in Sept. but I do not think that I ought to go alone neither

do I feel that I could pay so much for the extra expense of going by Seattle.

Letters from Ceylon express the desire that I be back as soon as possible because of the extra work caused by the Udupitty School being moved to Uduvil for the year. I am ready to do whatever you think best. And will leave it for you to arrange route & time.

The home in Holyoke is given up since my brother Edward's death and my address for the present will be Conway Mass.

Very sincerely

Susan R Howland

Susan A. Howland

Conway-Trace. June 22-1905.

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Rec'd JUL 31 1905

Conway Mass
July 28th 1905

Ans'd AUG 2 1905

Rev Jas L. Barton D.D.—
Sec A.B.C.F.M.—

Dear Dr Barton—

A postal from Mr Hastings tells one that we have lost Miss Caswell for Ceylon. I am sorry for Dr Swan and the medical dept. of the Ceylon Mission. I think that probably nothing has been yet done about engaging passage on steamer.

A friend has written of reduced fares (on account of the Oregon exposition) across the continent so that it might not cost so much more - than by the Atlantic - I am not situated so here that I can well find out in regard to it - and thought of writing to Mr Hosmer to inquire - It is rather late to think of visiting my brother in Southern California but if rates are as represented I might get a short visit in by going that way - I do not wish to add to your

perplexities and if I is here I will come to Boston for a day - to consult - but had thoughts to come later -

I have formed is settled in Conway and so have stayed on here. I have engaged having with me Amy Rice - from Mexico - who has just finished her first year at Mt Holyoke College -

I should not like to take the trip by the Pacific alone but if there is no one ready to go except Mr & Mrs Fritz I could go with them without being a care to them - If I must go alone - I suppose the way by Naples will be more simple

I should, of course, be very glad if I can travel with Dr. & Mrs Scott. I wish that they might be able to go soon. I have not heard recently.

Yours truly

Susan R Howland

Amanda Stanley
Pennsylvania July 25-1905.

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Rec'd AUG 7 1905
Ans'd AUG 7 1905

Conway Mass.
Aug 3rd '05

Dear Dr Barton -

I thank you for the letter received today.

I would rather have Mr Hastings opinion on the subject - but it seems to me that it would be very desirable for Mr & Mrs Fritz to go as early as possible. Mr & Mrs Brickwell are leaving or have left for the U.S.A. Mr Hitchcock has the care of the station work of Batticotta & islands. besides his work in the College. & Mr Hitchcock wrote me that he had but one days rest in

the vacation. While Mr Brown has been away he had his work to look after - Mr Hitchcock has great endurance but there is a limit to what one can do - I hope that Mr Brown has recovered and is back in Jaffna -

I had thoughts that I might possibly "hold the fort" at Inuvilla for a few weeks until the doctor and nurse arrive so that Dr Cain could get away on her needed furlough - but perhaps Mr & Mrs Brown will be able to do that -

The Mussin sent me a request that if I could do so that they would be glad if I could be

back there in Sept. I do not want to hurry Mr & Mrs Fitz for the sake of having company in my journey - because I could travel alone - I think it would seem unreasonable to those on the field that I should wait for this if I have no other hindrance -

Sincerely
Susan R. Howland

Susan R. Horsland

Conway-Mass. Aug 8-1905.

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Rec'd AUG 7 1905
Ans'd AUG 7 1905

Conway Mass
Aug 6th '05

Dear Dr Barton -
I sent my answer to your letter to Mr Hastings to forward to you - that he might see what I had written about Mr Fritts
I can be ready to go even earlier than the first week in Sept - either by way of England or Naples.
I am starting for Northfield to be there with my brother for a few days - so if letters are sent within a week please address me at East Northfield -
I still think that those on the

field will feel that I do not
realize the need of help and
danger of overwork - if I wait
some weeks to have company
on the journey - since I am
otherwise ready to go -
I can be ready the middle
of August or soon after if I
know that passage is engaged
Miss Ross's letter received today
shows that she is beginning to
feel the burden of the care of
the two school's together -
Much to her regret she had
to give up the advanced class
English school because she
had not heard definitely from me
that I could be there in Sept.

Yours sincerely
Susan R Henderson

Susan R. Howland

Conway Mass. - Aug. 5 - 1905.

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Rec'd AUG 9 1905
Rec'd AUG 9 1905

East Northfield
Aug 8th 05

Dear Dr Barton.

I myself would much prefer not to go alone and should not have proposed it, except for what seemed to me the exigencies of the case

If I were sure that the Fritty would go Sept 16th I should think that it might do to go then but I do not feel sure of that + besides we cannot be sure that the Scotia will be ready in Oct.

I do not like to go alone against your advice, otherwise it would seem best to me though I should not personally prefer it.

If it is my duty I believe that I should be helped to do it.

What if I should go to England with missionaries who are going to

Turkey? I think that Miss Blake & perhaps others are going Aug 26th I should then have company a part of the way at least. It is the place of transfer that I dread when alone.

The way by England seems more familiar though I should like to go by Naples if going with others. I might possibly find English missionaries on the steamer from England.

I came home as far as England with English missionaries but in London I ~~finished~~ at the boarding place Miss Bliss of the Huguenot Seminary So. Africa. and we came together across the Atlantic.

Even this I do not like to do if you feel strongly opposed to it. and I will feel that it is best to wait if you still think so - and I will trust that Miss Rose will be strengthened for all that she has to do.

Yours sincerely
Susan R Holland

Susan R. Howland

E. Northfield, Mass. Aug. 8-1905.

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REC'D AUG 12 1905
ANS'D AUG 16 1905

East Northfield
Aug 11th '05

Dear Dr Barton—

I thank you for letter received and will expect to go with Mr & Mrs Fritts on Sept 19th unless I hear from you again that there is some failure in the plan—

I am glad not to go alone but I find it hard to be patient when I fear that help is much needed in Ceylon—

I am enjoying much the Bible lessons here at Northfield—

Yours truly
Susan R Howland

P.S
I think that if passage is engaged for Mr & Mrs Fritts and myself on

the Princess Irene - that I shall be informed that I may inform myself of amount of baggage allowed etc - by that line of Steamers -

SRH

Thomas R. Stanford

Charlestown Mass. Aug. 11-1906

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Rec'd AUG 22 1905

Conway Mass
Aug 21st '05

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of 17th is received. I was glad to hear what arrangements were being made for going to Ceylon

Please address letters to Conway Mass. I have some thoughts of going to Lethia for a few days but it is not certain and letters will be forwarded from Conway in case of my being away

Yours sincerely
Susan E Howland

Mary & Margaret W. Leitch

184.

#18 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.
February 3, 1900.

ar friend:-

As we understand, from a recent note from Dr. Daniels, that the question s to our relation to the American Board will be brought before the abinet, we are writing to you as a member of the Cabinet to express our iews on this question, and will try to state the case as briefly as pos- ble. The points at issue appear to be the following:-

(1) Have we any relationship to the Board, and if so what is it?
(2) When and for what purpose was this relationship entered into, and for at length of time?
(3) Does this relationship still exist, and if not when and how did it (terminate?

Our views on these points are as follows:-

(1) We have a relationship to the American Board as agents authorized collect the current expenses of the Woman's Medical Mission in Ceylon r five years, and as Honorary Collectors for the Forward Movement of the erican Board.

(2) This relationship was entered into four years ago, the purpose being at we should collect the current expenses of the Woman's Medical Missio Ceylon for five years, and also that we should help the general funds the American Board as we had opportunity during that period. Our offer s for a term of five years of service. It was made in December 1895 and received our authorization from the Board in January 1896.

(3) We believe that this relationship still exists. We have had no ficial intimation or knowledge of any change in our relationship with e Board

When we offered to collect the current expenses of the Woman's Medi- l Mission for five years, we knew that the doing of this work would not quire our whole time; we therefore, having formulated a scheme called he Forward Movement", offered to become Honorary Collectors for the rward Movement for five years, in order that we might thus help the neral funds of the Board

We met a Sub-Committee of the Board, who took the whole question into nsideration, and we were afterwards informed that our offer was accepted; d a collecting card and a Forward Movement leaflet, in which it is stated at we are "Honorary Collectors for the Forward Movement", (see enclosed) re printed by the Board and sent out to every church in this country, th a letter endorsed by the Home Secretary, and have been circulated tens of thousands, and up to the present time have been furnished by Board at the rooms as called for. To aid us in our efforts we were ven a letter of general introduction to the friends of the Board by the e Secretary, and the following editorial appeared in the Missionary rald of March, 1896:-

"The Misses Mary and Margaret W. Leitch, well known as formerly con- ted with our Ceylon Mission, have been moved by the present straits in ich our missionary work is placed to offer their services as Honorary llectors, and they are now seeking to secure funds for the regular work to provide, if possible, for a Forward Movement. They do this at their charges, and their generous and efficient aid is cordially recognized the officers and Prudential Committee of the Board."

We have tried to carry out our part of this arrangement to the letter. current expenses of the Woman's Medical Mission have been provided for us, year by year, and we have helped the general funds of the Board as have been able.

We have had no reason to suppose that our work was not satisfactory the Secretaries. We have on file 160 letters from the Secretaries, 64 which are from the Home Secretary. We have done all of the work assigned us by any of the Secretaries.

From the very first the Home Secretary did not attempt to outline our work for us. We understood that it was his wish that we should make our own plans and arrangements for work, doing the best we could and saving him the trouble of making plans and arrangements for us.

We were not inexperienced workers. We had been missionaries in Ceylon ten years and collectors in Great Britian six years. Through God's help we had had success as collectors, and organizers.

We would have been willing, however, to have had the Home Secretary arrange our meetings and work for us had he proposed to do so. We would also have been quite willing to have made regular quarterly or monthly reports had we been asked to do so. In all of the 84 letters from the Home Secretary, which we have on file, there is not any intimation of any such wish on his part.

On November last we were in Springfiled, Mass, speaking, by invitation of the pastors, in the Congregational churches there on behalf of the two objects above mentioned, viz, the Woman's Medical Mission in Ceylon, and the Forward Movement of the American Board. One of us had spoken in Dr. Moxom's Church, making an appeal, at his request, for that Church to adopt Miss Chandler for their missionary (Dr. Moxon having received a request from the Woman's Board in Boston that his Church should adopt Miss Chandler and provide for her support). Addresses in Dr. Goodspeed's Church had helped to prevent the salary, provided by that Sunday School for Dr. Usher, from lapsing. Addresses given in Rev. H. M. Hall's Church had led that church to attempt to double its contributions, bringing them up to $500. That our work was thoroughly satisfactory to these pastors you will see by letters herewith enclosed from them.

While we were engaged in this work, the President of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Board, Mrs. Derby, possible fearing that, if the churches increased their contributions to the American Board, they might give a little less to the Woman's Board (a fear which we believe to be groundless) wrote to Dr. Daniels asking what our standing was with the American Board. In her letter Dr. Daniels gave a reply (see enclosed) in which he states that, "For the past two years there has been no definite understandings or plans between the Misses Leitch and the Board." This letter of Dr. Daniels to Mrs. Derby was read at an Executive Meeting of the ladies of the Springfield Branch and copies of the letter were made and given to the ministers of the vicinity. The ministers naturally understood by that letter that we were not the accredited agents of the Board. Thus we were (see letter from Dr. Goodspeed enclosed) discredited and placed in the position of impostors.

We have never in our lives been irresponsible collectors, and we have too much respect for ourselves and too much respect for the public to make a public appeal for funds for any object unless we were accredited agents of the Board or the Committee having that work in charge, and responsible to that Board or Committee for the funds collected and the character of the work done in that direction.

To help you to realize the position in which we were placed let us make a parallel case:- We have, during the past four years, as we have had more time, collected funds for the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. We have a letter of authorization from that Committee to do that work. They have allowed us to make our own plans and arrangements for our work, exactly as the American Board has done during the past four years, knowing that we were experienced collectors and trustworthy individuals. Each year, during the past four years, that Committee has received thousands of dollars as the result of our efforts.

Suppose now, for instance, that we were in a certain town addressing meetings in Y. M. C. A's., public Halls, and Parlors in behalf of the International Committee's work, and that some one from that town should write to the Committee and ask if we were authorized to collect funds for

What would one think if the reply came back that, for the past two years there had been "no definite understandings or plans between the Misses Leitch and the Committee", While, during all that time, they had received frequent remittances from us, and letters, and had not given us any intimation that we were to cease collecting for them. Would we not be justified in thinking it an outrage, and asking that the wrong impression be speedily corrected?

That is our present position with the American Board. And we have waited more than two months for the wrong impression given in Springfield to be corrected.

We have been told that it may have escaped the minds of the Secretaries that we were acting as their authorized agents in collecting funds. We admit that they have been under a heavy pressure of work the past four years. But as we have carried out our part of the engagement, namely,- collecting yearly the current expenses of the Woman's Medical Mission, and collecting for the Forward Movement, which through our advocacy has been brought well to the front, we do not think that our reputation should suffer because the Secretaries may have overlooked our work. We are very willing to excuse them for the oversight, but we now present the facts before them and ask them to put us in a right light before the public.

We send herewith a copy of correspondence which we have had with Dr. Daniels. We have marked the parts which we deem most important.

More than two months have elapsed since the letter of Dr. Daniels to Mrs. Derby was made public in Springfield, and as the contents of that letter, are this, have gone far and wide throughout the country, it would be impossible, we think, for the Prudential Committee to correct in any other way the wrong impression which has been given, than by putting a statement in its publications which will explain our relationship with the Board.

In order that this may be effected in a simple and natural way, we have prepared an article such as might appear, with illustrations which we will furnish, in the Board's publications, giving a brief account of the medical work in Ceylon. In the number in which this appears there should be a brief editorial which would point out that the two Medical Missions in Ceylon are under the care of the American Board, that the funds for the setting on foot of these two Medical Missions were collected by us without expense to the Board, that we have collected the current expenses of the Woman's Medical Mission since it was set on foot, and the current expenses of the General Medical Mission for five years, and that we have been Honorary Collectors for the Forward Movement of the American Board for four years, and have rendered other valuable services to the Board.

Such a statement would not only correct the wrong impression which has become prevalent in Springfield, but would correct also the statement which has been given out, to our knowledge, by the officers of the Woman's Board, that we are independent workers and have no connection either with the Woman's Boards or with the American Board, and that the Medical Missions in Ceylon are independent and are not under the American Board.

Pardon us for writing at such length, but as the Board cannot afford to do any of its agents an injustice we make this detailed statement, appealing to your sense of right, and we have no doubt but that you will speedily place us in a proper light before the public.

Yours faithfully,

Mary & Margaret W. Leitch

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#18 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.

February 3, 1900.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D. D.

Dear friend:-

We thank you for your kind favor of January 30th. We infer from it that you intend to bring the matter under discussion before the members of the Cabinet, and we have accordingly prepared a statement, a copy of which we enclose, which we are sending to each of the Secretaries, in order that they may understand how the matter looks to us.

We are also sending a copy to Dr. Davis, as one of us has taken occasion to advise with him regarding the matter.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Margaret W. Leitch

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#18 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.

February 19, 1900.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D. D.,

Dear friend:-

We were a little surprised to learn that there had been a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Friday last which considered the question of our work and our relation to the Board, and that we were not invited to be present at that meeting.

We would have been very glad to have been present and to have given explanations on any questions which came up regarding ourselves or our work which seemed to require an explanation.

We are writing this note to request that you arrange with the Chair-man of that Sub-Committee that no report be made to the Prudential Committee by that Sub-Committee until that Sub-Committee has conferred with us, and has had our explanations on any matters that may have been brought up. We suppose that you understand that the reason why we deferred until this time arranging to meet with the Sub-Committee was because we had the hope that the matter of correcting the impression made by your letter to Mrs. Derby might be arranged between you and us in a satisfactory manner so as not to necessitate its being brought before the Sub-Committee. We wished, if possible, to save you the necessity of explaining that letter to the Sub-Committee.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Mary & Margaret W. Leitch

#18 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.

February 21, 1900.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D. D.,

#14 Beacon St, Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Daniels:-

We thank you for your favor of the 20th inst just to hand. We do not understand from your letter whether it is your wish that we meet today with yourself and Dr. Horr, or whether you merely meant to say in your letter that, had you not been ill on Monday you would have arranged for such a meeting today.

If you wish to have us meet with yourself and Dr. Horr today, we will be glad to do so.

We can have the use of a private parlor in this house if you think it would be desirable to have the meeting held here, or we will meet you in the Congregational House, or at any other place that you may name.

Kindly let us have a reply by the bearer of this note as to these two points.

Yours very truly,

Mary & Margaret W. Leitch

#18 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.
February 26, 1900.

To the Members of the Cabinet and the Members of the Sub-Committee who met recently to consider questions relating to our standing and work,

Dear friends:-

At our interview on Wednesday last with Dr. Daniels and Dr. Horr, a report was made to us of the views expressed at the joint meeting above referred to.

These gentlemen reported that there was no question in the minds of any present at that meeting as to our character or our devotion to the interests of the Board's work.

They requested us to add to our article, "A Vine of the Lord's Planting", a brief discription of the buildings and the work now being carried on in the two Medical Missions in Ceylon. This we will gladly do.

They reported that an editorial would be put into the "Missionary Herald", making in substance the statements with reference to our work which we had requested.

There was one matter, however, which they brought forward which seems to require some consideration. It was the question as to whether we are "Honorary Collectors of the Forward Movement of the American Board" or simply "Honorary Collectors of the American Board."

They seemed to hold the view that the present Forward Movement of the American Board is quite different from the Forward Movement of the American Board which was inaugurated in January, 1896. Their statement was that the Forward Movement of the American Board had changed hands, was under different auspices and meant a different thing. They affirmed that we had given up our efforts on behalf of the first Forward Movement of the American Board, that it had ceased to exist, and that the present "Forward Movement" had come to have a specific meaning, viz,- "Wishard's Movement." They said that none of the Secretaries, for example, would think of speaking for the Forward Movement. They stated that it was therefore your wish that we should eliminate from our article, referred to above, our statement that we are "Honorary Collectors of the Forward Movement of the American Board", and insert instead, merely, that we are "Honorary Collectors for the American Board."

The question which is thus raised is not a question of theory, but of facts. The question is:-

(1) What is the Forward Movement of the American Board;
(2) When, where, and how was it inaugurated, and how came the title "Honorary Collectors of the Forward Movement" to be given to us;
(3) What efforts have we put forth on behalf of the Forward Movement and with what success, and have we at any time given up our efforts on behalf of this Movement;
(4) Had the Forward Movement, as at first inaugurated, ceased to exist before the Annual Meeting at Grand Rapids, or was it annulled at that Meeting, and what are the possibilities of the Movement?

Our views regarding this question are as follows:-

(1) What is the Forward Movement of the American Board?

"The Forward Movement of the American Board" is a term which, as it is now used, and as it has been used during the past four years, <u>stands for a policy</u>.

That policy may be briefly stated as follows:- "Have your own missionary; take some definite share of the Board's work and be responsible for it." The former policy of the Board was, "Give all donations into the General Fund and leave all the responsibility of the work on the Board."

This new policy represents a closer tie between the supporters at home and the workers abroad. It aims at lifting a crushing load of responsibility from the shoulders of a few overburdened Secretaries, and placing it upon the shoulders of those who can carry it, viz,- the large constituency of the American Board.

(2) When, where, and how was the Forward Movement of the American Board inaugurated, and how came the title of "Honorary Collectors of the American Board's Forward Movement" to be given to us?

It was inaugurated in January, 1896, in the Board rooms in Boston, by the officers of the Board authorized to act for the Board in the interval between its annual meetings. The title "Honorary Collectors of the Forward Movement of the American Board" was given to us because we introduced the term and the policy which it represents to the attention of the officers of the Board.

Our experiences in collecting had taught us the value of appealing for a definite object. When in Ceylon in 1885 we made an effort to collect funds in behalf of the endowment of the Oodooville Girl's Boarding School, and we found by experience that it was easier to collect 240 Rupees for the endowment of a scholarship, than 24 Rupees toward a general endowment. It was because we had learned how easy it was to collect for a definite object that later on, when God's call came to us, we started out with light hearts to collect $150,000 toward the Ceylon work. We subdivided that sum into definite parts, and commenced with scholarships, $500 being the endowment of a scholarship. One of our friends in Great Britain, Lord Overtoun, gave a scholarship, and others followed his example. We were strangers in a strange land and yet we met with success.

The longer we worked in accordance with this policy the more we became impressed with its possibilities. We recommended this policy, as we had opportunity, to the officers of Mission Boards and to prominent pastors and leaders throughout Great Britain. We were instrumental in securing the adoption of this policy by the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, with the result that the annual income of that Society increased, within a few years, nearly 10,000 pounds sterling.

It became a strong desire in our hearts that the American Board should adopt this policy. We believed that if it would do so its annual income could be easily doubled. Therefore our first act on our return to this country, after placing the Woman's Medical Mission under the care of the American Board, was to present this policy (the definite support of missionaries by churches and individuals) to the Secretaries for their consideration. This was done in December 1895. We termed this scheme, "The Forward Movement of the American Board". This term and the policy for which it stood were approved and adopted by the officers of the Board in January, 1896. The American Board was the first Board in this country to use the term "Forward Movement" to represent this distinctive policy. We were then made "Honorary Collectors of the Forward Movement of the American Board."

(3) What efforts have we put forth on behalf of the Forward Movement, and with what success, and have we at any time given up our efforts on behalf of this Movement?

We prepared the Forward Movement leaflet and collecting card, both of which were approved by the officers of the Board and printed. We prepared letters to ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, and C. E. Secretaries. These letters were endorsed by the Home Secretary, and copies of these letters, with Forward Movement literature which made the appeal "Have your own missionary", were sent out to every minister, S. S. Sup't., and C. E. Sec'y. in the Cong'l.denomination. Altogether 20,250 mimeograph letters, 215,000 booklets, 18,300 Forward Movement Collecting Cards, and 4,500 Forward Movement Missionary Dollar Wheels were put into circulation by us during the year of 1896, without labor or expense to the Board other than the expense of printing.

This was not our first effort to educate leaders of Christian work and to educate public opinion as to the value of this policy. We had been advocating this policy steadily, as we had opportunity, the previous five years. One of us had spoken at the International C. E. Convention in Minneapolis, in 1891, and made an earnest appeal to each C. E. Society to support, if possible, its own missionary, This address was printed (see "A Great Opportunity", sent under separate cover,) and a copy was sent to each one of the Secretaries of the 16,000 C. E. Societies then existing in the United States and Canada, also 4,000 additional copies were put into circulation. We have found this book in the hands of C. E. Leaders wherever we have gone throughout this country. We also advocated this policy at other Conventions, as at Northfield and Clifton Springs. We have tried to avail of every opportunity to bring this policy before the attention of such leaders as Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D., Robert E. Spear, and others.

In 1896 one of us addressed 100 meetings for the American Board and advocated this policy. These comprised regular church services in Cong'l. churches, District and State Cong'l. Conferences, County and State C. E. Conventions, and the International C. E. Convention at Washington. Through this wide distribution of literature, and through those meetings and the reports of these meetings, the Forward Movement idea was somewhat widely promulgated.

You have our report of work for the past four years, in which we describe our efforts in trying to remove the Board's debt, our work in behalf of the Armenian sufferers, and the Indian famine sufferers, our special effort in August, 1897, when we sent out, without expense to the Board, 80,000 booklets and letters to secure help for the Board when it was facing a large deficit, and our efforts in 1898 in securing the material for the booklet, "A Message to the Lord's People." Through these efforts we were putting forth every energy of soul, body, and spirit to help the Board's work by preventing a backward movement. With the experience which we had had as organizers it would, we think, have been criminal conduct on our part had we refrained from putting forth these efforts.

Yet, while engaged in these efforts, we never for one moment lost sight of the Forward Movement idea, or forgot the possibilities which we believed were wrapped up in it.

The Forward Movement policy was put by us in the plainest possible term into the booklet, "A Message to the Lord's People", (see pages 5, 35, & 36). 200,000 of this booklet have been put into circulation. Does this look to you as if we had "given up" the effort? It looks to us as if we had endeavored to carry it forward according to a large plan.

We can only take your time to enumerate a few out of the many ways in which we have sought to popularize the Forward Movement idea. One of us brought it before Student Volunteer Leagues and Conferences in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and before the Volunteer Convention at Cleveland. An address given at one of these meetings entitled, "The Opportunity for Student Volunteers in the Present Crisis" was printed. (see copy sent). This booklet, which contains an endorsement by Drs. Daniels & Barton, was sent out widely to Volunteer Leaders by the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and a copy of this booklet, together with the Forward Movement leaflet, Collecting Card and Missionary Dollar Wheel, was sent by us to every missionary of the American Board.

An article was also prepared by us, entitled "The Waterloo in Mission Work, and a Possible Reinforcement", extracts from which were read at a conference of the Secretaries of Mission Boards in New York, in 1897. A copy was handed to every Secretary present and copies were sent out by us to the missionaries throughout the foreign field of all the Mission Boards of the United States and Canada. Our aim was to inspire the hearts of the missionaries with hope by showing a way out of their difficulties. We also realized that if the Forward Movement policy was to be a success it must have the intelligent and hearty co-operation of the missionaries on the field, who were to enter into partnership with the supporters at home. We received in response a large number of appreciative letters from missionaries of all denominations, expressing approval of the policy. The article above mentioned also appeared in the "Christian" of London, and in this form reached a large number of British missionaries and Board Secretaries.

The term "Forward Movement", and the policy for which that term stood in the American Board has been adopted by other Boards. Mr Wishard had been supplied by us with the Forward Movement literature of the American Board, and it was through his influence that that name was adopted by the Presbyterian Board. There had been, before this, instances of individuals or churches providing the support of a missionary under the Presbyterian Board, but through Mr. Wishard's work this policy was widely introduced, many churches and individuals undertaking to provide the support of missionaries. The result was an increase in the income of the Board.

The Forward Movement literature was also placed by us in the hands of two of the Secretaries of the Baptist Board. They adopted the name and the policy, and printed Forward Movement leaflets, collecting cards and missionary Dollar Wheels similar to those in use by the American Board, and put them into circulation. The Baptist Board has now 34 Forward Movement missionaries, and quite recently the "Forward Movement" was brought before the governing body of the Baptist Board and received the official endorsement of that body.

The scattering of Forward Movement literature by these three denominations has helped to popularize the idea throughout the country. Now the term and the policy for which it stands are advocated by the leaders of the Student Volunteer Movement and the C. E. Movement (see, for example, the Forward Movement symposium in a recent number of The C. E. World.")

In the summer of 1898 we prepared the pamphlet, "Ceylon A Key to India" in which we embodied the Forward Movement policy (see page 62). 10,000 copies of this pamphlet have been sent out to the Board's constituency, and 8,000 more put into circulation. Does it look to you as if the Forward Movement idea had dropped out of our mind? to us it appears the one thing to which we have been devoting our best energies.

For a year or more preceding the Annual Meeting at Grand Rapids, we had realized the need of a special Secretary to advance the Forward Movement policy, and had brought this suggestion before the Board Secretaries. We had also had a conference regarding this matter with Mr. Wishard and Mr. Ober at the Cleveland Convention, asking them to try to find a suitable man, and to bring this matter to the attention of Mr. D. Willis James, Dr. Warner, and others, with a view of securing the support of such a Secretary outside of the regular funds of the Board.

In September, 1898, just before the Annual Meeting at Grand Rapids, we sent a letter to every Corporate Member of the Board, in which we urged for an advance all along the line, calling attention to the "Three Years Enterprise" of the C. M. S., and the work which Mr. Wishard was doing as Forward Movement Secretary in the Presbyterian Board, and asking if two additional Secretaries could not be appointed, one to do such work as Mr. Wishard was doing in the Presbyterian Board, and the other to prepare more attractive literature. At the same time proof sheets of our "Open Letter to the Constituency of the American Board", (first edition), in which the Forward Movement policy was clearly set forth, were printed in leaflet form and copies sent to a number of the Corporate Members. The facts presented and the suggestions made in our letter, in this leaflet, were referred to in the speeches of different Corporate Members, at the Annual Meeting at Grand Rapids, and, as a result of the discussion which followed, the Forward Movement policy was publicly adopted by the Board, and the salary of a special agent was pledged.

In reference to our share in this, we would quote from a letter from Rev. L. H. Hallock, D. D., one of many letters from Corporate Members which we have on file. He writes:- "Then Mr. Pitkin of Chicago took up your suggestion for a Secretary of the Forward Movement, and put it through to a successful issue. That itself is sure to be productive of great and lasting good. It was most wholly traceable to your valuable letter, in fact by one speaker and another almost the whole of your document was presented in living speech." This statement is justified by the published report of the speeches at the Open Parliament which appeared in the "Advance", "Congregationalist", and other papers.

Later on, the gist of our "Open Letter" (first edition) above referred to, was reproduced in the Forward Movement number of the Envelope Series (see booklet sent). This is now one of the standard booklets of the Board, and has had a wide circulation. On page 14 of this booklet, under the heading, Forward Movement, a number of instances are given of churches supporting their own missionaries, and the statement is made that "More than 50 missionaries are thus cared for." This booklet was published by the Board in January 1899, ie, before Mr. Wishard began his work. Does this look as if the Forward Movement, as at first inaugurated, had ceased to exist before the Annual Meeting at Grand Rapids?

The term, "The Forward Movement of the American Board", representing the policy already defined, was endorsed by the Corporate Members of the Board at Grand Rapids. There was not an iota of chang made either in the name or the policy. There may have been some Corporate Members at the Annual Meeting who did not know that this term had been approved and the policy which it represented had been adopted by the officers of the Board in January 1896. They may not have known that the Board had at that time any Forward Movement missionaries. They may have thought that the term was being used and the policy enunciated by the American Board for the first time, and that it was simply being borrowed from the Presbyterian Board. But their ignorance of the facts does not annul the facts.

We do not understand that that body annulled, by its action, the Forward Movement of the American Board, which was then in existance We have seen no record of such a step. There are many ministers, Corporate Members of the Board and missionaries who know when the Forward Movement was started.

It is our understanding that the Advisory Committee and Mr. Wishard came into the work as a great general with strong reinforcements would come onto a battle-field, not wishing to stop any other regiment or company already fighting, but to figth dide by side with them with all the powers they posessed.

Mr. Wishard's work is under that Advisory Committee, but we do not understand that the whole movement is under the direction of that Committee. The Movement is, we believe, the heritage of the whole constituency of the Board. Any Cong'l. minister in this country has he right to advocate this scheme and ask his people to support a orward Movement missionary, and to apply direct to the Home Secretary sking that a missionary be assigned to them. Or any individual in his country has a right to offer, direct to the Home Secretary, to rovide the support of a Forward Movement missionary if he or she ishes to do so. Any Secretary, any Corporate Member, any missionary, ny friend of the Board has a right, we believe, to advocate the orward Movement policy.

We do not see why any one should wish to side-track this Movent, or belittle it, or circumscribe it. The need for help in the oreign field is so great, the work before the churches is so large, he need of an outlet by which Volunteers can reach the foreign field s so urgent that it would not be right to permit any such unnatural nd unreasonable restriction of this Movement.

We are quite sure that neither Mr. Wishard nor the Members of is Advisory Committee have any wish to monopolize the entire Movement. e are confident that Mr. Wishard has no desire that this Movement ould stand in the public mind simply as "Wishard's Movement." He has desire to hinder the Secretaries, as they have opportunities, from eaking for the Forward Movement and securing salaries for Forward vement missionaries. On the contrary, nothing would give him greater easure than to hear that they were securing them by the score. Nothing uld please him and his Committee more than to have the ard advocate this policy, as the C. M. S. does, in its publications, ousing enthusiasm and educating public sentiment by the presentation, nth by month, of the story of the progress made.

That it is not the desire of Mr. Wishard and his Committee to monopolize the scheme may be seen from the report of Dr. Warner, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, presented at the last Annual Meeting. In that report he says:- "The twenty-six churches reached this year are a fair average of at least 500 churches in our denomination—churches able and willing to double and treble their collections if we can only secure their interest and zeal in the missionary cause which its importance justifies. These 500 churches last year gave to the Board $100,000. It would be no more difficult for them to increase their collections to $300,000 than for twenty-six churches last year to increase their gifts from $5,480 to $17,514. Is not this the key to our financial problem? Here is $200,000 of new money awaiting the call of the Board, if we only put forth the proper efforts to secure it

But a single representative cannot reach over forty or fifty churches in a year, and he would need from eight to ten years to cover the entire field. Evidently we cannot wait so slow a process. But why cannot others take a portion of the work? Cannot the method of the Forward Movement, with more or less modification as circumstances may dictate, be adopted by pastors, returned missionaries, Corporate Members and other speakers before our churches in the missionary cause."

Sincerely Yours
Mary & Margaret W. Leitch

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#18 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.

March 3, 1900.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D. D.,

Dear friend:-

We have revised the article as you suggested, and end herewith a copy. It contains 2,150 words. The foot notes can be t in quite fine type. If you think this article is too long please et us know and we will abbreviate it to the length you desire. The rticle by Dr. Barton regarding the Jaffna College in the Missionary erald of February contains 1,950 words.

We loaned the photos to Rev. N. M. Hall. We have written for em and expect them returned today, or Monday at the latest. We have ritten out the name of each, and the explanation which we think might me underneath each in small type.

As we would like to use the cuts later, we would be willing pay the expense of having the cuts made.from the photos. The size ich we think would look best is the size of the cut, "Group of Students 97" on page 56 of the February number of the Missionary Herald.

We enclose a memo to show how the amount mentioned in the ticle is made up. If Mr. Wiggin cares to verify this statement he n do so.

Yours very truly,

Margaret W. Leitch

18 Ashburton Pl. 190.
Boston Mass,
Mar. 8. 1900

. L. H. Daniels, D.D.

Dear Friend.

I send herewith the Ceylon photographs which have only this morning come to hand for Rev. Mr. Hall of Springfield. I hope they have come in time so that the article may appear in the Apr. number of the Herald. The cut of the Hospital Staff, Gen. Med. Missn. is with Mr. Frank Wood. By having a duplicate Original made, leaving out the last nurse on the left hand side, a cut can be obtained the right size for using on the first page of cover if desired.

May I remind you of your kind promise to let us see a proof copy of the editorial item which will appear in the same number with this article.

Yours Very Truly
Margaret W. Leitch

I hope you rec'd the article which I sent a few days ago with Mr. Wiggin's messenger.

Mar. 8. 1900.

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Rev. E. H. Daniels
Dear Friend

We are most grateful for your kind letter of inquiry re. our dear brother.

I have written Mr. Wiggin the circumstances of the accident. It is not so severe as was at first reported. It was found necessary to amputate the right hand. There are wounds in the left leg & knee, but the doctors hope to save the leg. Even that he may escape having a stiff knee. The damages to the ch. are now learned to be only $600, of which too will come (probably) from insurance. We have already offered, as a family, to meet the cost of the damages if the ch. members think we should.

It was a pure accident. No one, as far as we know, blames our brother. We do not understand how the accident came to occur.

He had placed his two large tanks & machinery & was just lighting up, preparing to go home, when the explosion took place. It is thought that the tanks may have been imperfect in some way & that there had been an escape of gas. The moment my brother lit a match the explosion occurred.

We are thankful to God that his life was spared, that there was no one else hurt, & no irreparable harm done the ch., & that his wounds are healing well. Yours with kind Regards & Sympathy,

Margaret M. Leiteh

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N. J.
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Rev. E. A. Daniels, D.D.

Dear Friend

I have just returned from Philadelphia, having spoken on Mon. eve. last by invitation in the Central Congregational Church there, and shown 100 views of Ceylon, the object being to maintain the interest of the members of the church and Young Peoples Society in the work of Dr. Annie Young toward which support they have been contributing.

My understanding was that the Fifth Congregational Church in Springfield, Mass, would endeavor

raise $500 toward the sup-
port of Dr. Lewis. They took up the
effort very heartily, but I do not
know that they actually pledged
themselves to raise this amount,
or to continue to do so for a
period of years. {Mr. A. B. Carpenter of Little Boar Mass, has been giving $150. a year toward the balance of her support.}
I have some good letters from
Dr. Lewis, and will try to have
copies of some so facts made
and send to the pastor with-
in a few days.

With kind regards, I remain
Yours faithfully
Margaret W. Leitch

ed you not as a voter,
t a letter to the Senators of Mass,
ura of the legislation referred to by
. M. S. Ellis in the enclosed letter?

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Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D.

Dear Friend

Your favor of Feb. 26th to hand. The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Cong. Ch. Phil. Pa. undertook to raise $500 toward the support of Dr. Annie Young during her first year in Ceylon (1900). You can see, by referring to the Woman's Medical Mission Account, how large a part of that they succeeded in raising.

Since the C. E. undertook this effort, in which they received aid from a number of the church members, Mr. L. D. Wishard has spoken in that church and secured pledges for the support of Rev. Edward Hume of Bombay whom they now consider their church missionary.

As several prominent givers, who

are formerly giving toward the support of Dr. Young are now pledged to give to the support of Mr. Lane, the pastor fears they will not continue their donations toward the support of Dr. Young.

When speaking in that church recently I told fully of Dr. Young's work & made as earnest a plea as I could to the young people to continue to give and collect toward her support, and I have asked the chairman of the Missy. Com. of the C.E. to let me know as soon as convenient what they will undertake to do toward the support of Dr. Young this year. When I hear from them I will tell you, and if they are not able to continue to provide her salary we will do what we can to secure it from other sources.

the Congl Ch. & C.E. in Newport, N.H. undertook to raise $350. toward Dr. Young, - the balance of her support, as she receives $650. from the Board.

Although these four organizations, which undertook the sup. port of Drs. Carr & Young, may have fallen a little below what they undertook or hoped to do, yet by looking at the Account of the Woman's Medical Mission with Mr. Wiggin, you will see that a number of smaller gifts have come in, which more than made up the balance.

The last statement that I have from Mr. Wiggin shows that on Mar. 8. 1900 there was a balance to the credit of this account of $1,018.97

With sincere regards,

Yours truly

Margaret M. Leitch

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Rev. L. H. Daniels, D.D.

Dear Friend

I spoke, last Sabbath & the S.S., L.E., and to the people at the evening church service in the first Congregational church, Newark, N. J. The pastor is Rev. Mr. Hanscom.

As they were doing nothing definite for the foreign mission cause, and seemed

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not only willing but
desirous to under-
take the support
of a missionary
who would be their
own representative
& suggested the
name of Dr. Annie
Young. The Ev. E. of
the Cent. Congl. Ch.
of Phil. have, & un-
derstand, ceased
to be responsible
for her support
as they have joined
their forces with

those of the church in supporting Mr. Hume of Bombay. A few who have given to Dr. Young's support in the past may like to continue some small contributions which will help toward the current expenses of the work of the McLeod Hospital at Ginvil, but that is about all, & understand that Mr can

count upon from that C.E. Therefore it seems providential that I was invited to speak to the 1st ch. in Newark, and that, though a small church, they seemed so united in their desire to undertake the support of Dr. Young, whose work I described to them.

They propose to appoint a joint committee representing the church,

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the Sunday School, and the C. E. Society, and to make a thorough canvas of the church and if they find that the people in general approve and will subscribe, they will let you know; and will like, I think, to adopt Dr. Young as their representation.

I just write this in advance, to let you know the thought in their minds.

With kind regards,
Yours very truly,
Margaret M. Leitch

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N. J.
Apr. 13. 1901.

C. H. Daniels, D.D.

Dear Friend

We have secured a number of good names additional to the petition to Pres. McKinley which we sent you, (see enclosed list) and we are only waiting for the return of the paper which we sent you before sending on the whole to the President. We hope that the Amer. & the Baptist Boards have authorized their Officers to sign it, but if no action has been taken by them as yet, will you please return the paper sent you and keep one of the enclosed forms & send the other over to the Baptist Board for their signature (in case the original has not been presented to them.

Yours Faithfully
Margaret W. Leiter

Henry Collins Woodruff.
President of the Foreign Sunday School Association of the U.S.A.
Brooklin N.Y.
Mary E.Wooley. President of Mt.Holyoke College So.Hadley Mass.
D.W.AbercombieL.L.D. Principal Worcester Academy Worcester Mass.
R.S.Torrey Supt. Moody Bible Institute,Chicago Ill.
R.H.Jesse, Presbyterian Mission of Missouri Columbia Mo.
William Filger, President Commercial Exchange, Burlington Ia.
J.C.Jensson Roseland Sect.United Norwegian Lutheran Church Austin
(Minn.
D.W.C.Huntington, Chancelor Nebr. Wesleyan University Lincoln Neb.
W.R.Lambuth,Cor.Sec'y Board of Missions Methodist Episcopal
Church South, Nashville Tenn.
H.B.Parks,Sect Missions A.M.E.Church Bible House N.Y.City.
George F.Moore,President of the Faculty,Andover Theo.Seminary.
(Andover Mass.
Prof.G.Sverdrup Sect.Lutheran Board of Missions,Minneapolis Minn.
Cecil F.P.Bancroft. Principal Phillips Academy,Andover Mass.
George Hodges. Dean Episcopal Theo.School Cambridge Mass.
E.V.Zollars A.M.L.L.D. President Hiram College Hiram Ohio.
Charles Hurlburt. President Phil'a Missionary Council
D.B.Purinton. President of Denison University Granville Ohio.
J.G.Bishop. General Sect'y of the Mission Board of the Christian
(Church, Dayton Ohio.
For the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed
Church in the United States.S.N.Callender Sect'y Mechanicsburg Pa.
Samuel H.Green. President pro tempore Columbian University
(Washington D.C.
W.C.Spaughler. Acting Chancellor of the University of Kansas
Lawrence Kan.
Cyrus Northrup. President of the University of Minnesota
(Minneapolis Minn.
George F.Moshier, President Hillsdale College Mich.
Rush Rhees,President University of Rochester.Rochester N.Y.
Arthur Given. Cor.Sect'y General Conference of Free Baptists.
Nathaniel E.Wood. President Newton Theo. Institute. Newton Center
(Mass.
John M.Ives. Chamber of Commerce Rochester N.Y.
Augustus H.Strong. Pres. Rochester Theo.Seminary,Rochester N.Y.
Wm.P.Johnston President of Geneva College Beaver Falls Pa.
J.Sharpless President Haverford College Haverford Pa.
For the Foreign Mission Board of the Mennonite Church of North
America, A.B.Shelly Secretary.
Wm.W.Rand & Geo.L Shearer Secretaries American Tract Soc. N.Y.City
Paul de Schweinitz Sect.of Missions of the Moravian Church.
(Bethlehem Pa.
W.W.Barr. Cor.Sect.United Presbyterian Church Board of Foreign
(Missions Phil'a.Pa.
R.M.Somerville Cor.Sect.Board of Foreign Missions R.P.Church.
A.O.Oppegaard President.Lutheran Synod China Mission.
Wm.D.Hyde President Bowden College. Brunswic Me.
J.H.T.Main. Acting President Iowa College Grinnell Ia.
Benjamin Winget Sect. General Mission Board Free Methodist Church.
C.D.March Dean of the Faculty of Rippon College. Rippon Wis.
Wm.Goodell Frost, President Berea College, Berea Ky.
Willard G.Sperry. President Olivet College. Olivet Michigan.
W.G.Morehead President Xenia Theo.Seminary.Xenia O.
D.Noval Sect'y Sweedish Evangelical Mission. Chicago Ill.
A.R.Milligan Acting President Ky.University Lexington Ky.

Some 12 names have come in since the above list was made.

Jan. 13. 1901

To the President of the United States.

Sir;-

The undersigned, official representatives of Missionary Societies engaged in work in China, and representatives of other religious, philanthropic, commercial, and educational institutions, are deeply impressed that the negotiations to be carried on between the Allied Powers and the Chinese Government present an opportune time for our Government to assist in bringing to an end the Opium Traffic in that Empire. This traffic has been a terrible curse among all classes of the Chinese people, has brought desolation and sorrow into many thousands of homes, and its victims are multiplying with every added year.

The position of our Government is most favorable for taking the initiative in this matter. Our own treaty concluded with China in 1884, absolutely prohibiting all American citizens from engaging in the traffic, and all American vessels from carrying opium to or between the ports of China, expressing as it does the sentiment of the American people, and our cordial good will toward China in helping to relieve her of this traffic, gives us strong vantage ground for asking the other nations to join in this commendable purpose.

As foreign nations will be urging a great extension of commercial privileges at this time, including the abolition of internal duties, and these privileges are necessary for the increase of commerce, they can most happily reciprocate what may be granted by China in this respect, by giving her their powerful help in delivering her from the multiplied evils of the opium traffic.

While objections will doubtless be made by some interested parties to the great decrease of trade, which will be occasioned by the interdiction of traffic in opium, it ought to be borne in mind that this traffic is one of the greatest obstacles to all legitimate trade, absorbing, as it does, more than the whole amount of the value of the export trade in tea, and impoverishing the people so that they cannot expend, as they otherwise would, large sums for the products and legitimate manufactures of other countries.

The Chinese Government has repeatedly declared its willingness and desire to sternly prohibit the cultivation of the poppy, as soon as foreign countries consent to the prohibition of the traffic.

Such an act of humanity and justice on the part of our Government at this time will greatly tend to increase good feeling among the Chinese officials and the vast multitudes of people.

No one thing could have greater effect in overcoming the revengeful feelings aroused especially in those regions of the country which have suffered most during the late troubles, and its whole influence throughout the land would be most beneficial.

It would be a most happy inauguration of the first new treaties of the twentieth century between western nations and China to carry out so humane & beneficial a purpose in the revision of treaties with that empire.

We therefore respectfully and earnestly urge upon our Government to take the initiative in this important matter, and use its influence with the other nations concerned to bring about so desirable a result.

Ridgewood
N. J.

July 11. 1901.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D.

Dear Friend

Your kind favor of June 21st came safely to hand. Both my sister & I have been ill with fever, but are better now, though not strong yet. It is for this reason that we failed to answer your letter promptly.

I now enclose receipt, & will forward the money to Ceylon to be applied in accordance with the wishes of the donor. I will also send to her direct a letter giving the latest news of the work there.

We receive cheering news, from time to time, from the missionaries in Ceylon, and we are praying that a great blessing may result from the visit of the deputation.

With kind regards, we remain,

Yours faithfully—

Mary & Margaret M. Leitch

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Ridgewood
N. J.
July 22. 1901

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D.

Dear Friend.

I am writing to ask if you have received the annual report of the Amer. Ceylon Mission for 1900, and if so if we could have a reading of it, or at least of the part relating to the Gen. Med. Mission & the Woman's Medical Mission.

We usually send out a little reminder to former donors in Eng. Scotland & U.S.A. about this time, & in it we like to give some recent facts and statistics as to the progress of the work. We have a number of recent Ceylon letters, but

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they fail to give the statistics for last year, + other facts likely to be found in the Annual Report.

If you could let us have a reading of it, we would try to return it to you the next day after it reached us if you desire us to do so.

If, however, you cannot loan us the manuscript, could you have jotted out + send us a few facts (1) the no. of in-patients treated in each hospital, (2) the number of treatments given in the 3 dispensaries of the M. M. + the 2 dispensaries of the M. M., (3) the number of patients treated in their homes, (4) the total receipts from local sources, of each institution,

the number of native helpers in
ch & (6) any particularly interesting facts or stories of cure.

As the giving of these friends the work in Ceylon, from year year, depends upon the continuance of their knowledge of and interest in this work, the time spent in preparing & having copied out a few extracts for us, (in case you cannot loan us the manuscript,) will not, I trust, be time lost to the cause.

With kind regards for my sister & myself, I am

Yours faithfully
Margaret M. Leitch

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Rev. E. A. Daniels, D.D. Aug 1. 1901.

Dear Friend

We were very glad to receive your kind letter with quotation for the letter of Dr. Barlow, & thank you gratefully for sending it to us.

We would be most thankful to see anything further that Dr Barlow or other members of the deputation might write about Ceylon, & we are truely interested to us.

Yours cordially
Margaret M. Leitch

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Ridgewood N. J.
Aug. 14.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D.

Dear Friend

If you have now rec'd. the Ceylon Annual Report, perhaps you can let me know when we hear from it, or the figures I especially desire.

If you have any word for the deputation re. the Medical Mission work I would be most grateful for it. If not, do not trouble to answer this, as I know you must be very busy at this time of the year.

Yours Sincerely
Margaret W. Leitch

Yes, hear for Ceylon Mission yet. Will write Deputation Secretary

Miss Katherine E. E. Myers
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#603 - 59 Dearborn St.
Chicago Ill.
May 27th 1900

My dear Dr. Barton: -

Last summer you wrote me to let you know when I was well and strong enough to return to the foreign field. That time has come at last and I am ready to go if the Board is willing to send me.

Our W. B. M. I. ladies have sent out a "Century Call" on which they ask for two for the Bombay Mission, I would like to be one of the two, as I feel I understand the Indian mind somewhat.

Miss Sarah Pollock promised me she would see you while

at the Conference in New York.

But as I hear nothing from her, have concluded to write you myself.

I have been very busy since March 1st among the Churches of Missouri and Minnesota — have spoken sixty-nine times since then and still have about thirty more addresses to make before July 1st. From this you will see I am quite myself again.

Will you please let me me hear from you as soon as possible, so I shall know what to be ready for.

Yours very respectfully
Katherine L. C. Myers.
(formerly of Ceylon Mission)

Miss Katherine L. E. Myers, 203

Telford Ave. Evanston Cin. O.

June 21st 1900

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter reached me in due time. Now concerning my going to the Madura field Does the Board care to have me go? You once wrote me that when I got well enough to return to the field to let you know, and as that time has come, I wrote you.

My name does not appear in either the Annual Report, or the Board Almanac of this year, and I am wondering whether

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C. H. PATTON
FEB 11 1907
Ans.

G. N. Scott Patten 204.

Cairo Egypt.

Jan 24th 1907

Dear Dr. Patton.

I write in answer to your letter dated January 3rd 1907, you have ere this received my acknowledgement of cablegram, sent on the same date, I have just recieved your letter, & as the mail was late shall not be able to write you (or rather post) to you untill Thursday. 24th inst.

I thank you for your kind words of approval, in securing me a worker in your Hospital at "Jaffna", Ceylon. I hope indeed God will bless the work & workers abundantly.

Yes. I quite understand that I am engaged as Dr Carr's assistant (nurse) & to superintend the native nurses. in the performance of there duties

I thank my Heavenly Father daily that he has shown me so definitely that I was to take this work, & that I may continue to see His hand in all I undertake in future, I feel sure you will specially remember Dr Curr & myself in prayer.
I hope D.V. to sail next Wednesday
You so? & have written this week to tell Dr Curr. that I am coming.
Enclosed find the Life Paper you sent me filled in,
I must ask you not to use my eldest brothers address without my consent as he is most adverse to my taking up mission work, but I feel if we wait he will see it in a different light later on, with kindest regards & best wishes for the coming year.

Yours very sincerely
Jubah W. S. Patten.

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McLEOD HOSPITAL,

Inuvil, Jaffna, Ceylon,

8th February, 1909.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D., Sec.

Boston, Mass, U.S.A.

Dear Sir:-

It has become quite plain to me that I must write and put as fairly as possible the situation of affairs at the Inuvil Hospital, to which I was appointed now nearly two years ago. I had intended that this letter should reach you ere the close of the Old Year, but duties prevented me from giving so much time as the writing of this letter needs. I am now anxious that it should follow one from the Secretary of the Mission, though I deeply regret the necessity of this correspondence at all.

It is now a year simce I had to place before the Mission a few of the difficulties that have to be encountered at this hospital. Though appointed as Nursing Superintendent I was given no part in the management of the nurses. This I had out with Dr. Curr personally. She did not seem able to move or to help me in the matter, and it seemed to tease and worry her when matters connected with the Native Nursing Staff needed to be discussed, so I wrote her concerning it. This latter course was treated with silence. After a year of bearing a very painful position, and being openly defied by the Native Staff I appealed to the Secretary, Dr. T.B.Scott. It happened that Mr. Hicks was visiting the station at this time and the whole matter was placed before him by myself, Dr. Scott being present. Mr. Hicks advised a meeting of all the professional members of the Mission, myself included. Well the meeting took place while I was at the hills. I had no notion that such a meeting would take place in my absence, and was a little annoyed when I received a letter telling me that certain conclusions were reached. As I am Nursing Superintendent I think all nursing matters should be discussed in my presence. If any suggestions of mine are not agreed to I am ready for advice from my fellow missionaries of longer experience in the field. Also I complain that the letter should have come from the Secretary, who, being a medical man is able to grasp the situation, especially as he had been helpingv me during Dr. Curr's absence in the hills. I am glad to say I have had no very great trouble with the nurses since Dr. Scott had an interview with them all in my presence. The past year there is great improvement in their attitude toward the performance of menial labor which is not easy to persuade them to do where caste prevails.

I have had a very hard and lonely time since I joined Dr. Curr because she was not willing that ~~she~~ should take ~~[illegible]~~ part in any management of the hospital routine. I have pleaded with her

to let me do certain things which I know would be of benefit to the work and the nursing staff, but no, she never seems able to decide what she wishes me to do though she knows quite well this is not my first position of trust neither the first native staff I have come in contact with. I do feel that Dr. Curr is not fair to me in not allowing me to help her more. I have never been upheld as her assistant, and yet she knows she cannot do all the work alone. I do feel that being alone so many years she has had to depend on the Tamil nurses who do not realize the responsibility of nursing and so she has got into a certain groove which it is not easy for her to abandon.

Now I am confronted with the charge of not treating the Tamil people well. I feel sure this criticism comes from my having so constantly to tell these men who bring their women for treatment not to stand about the examination rooms. After they have given the most minute details of what the woman is suffering from they remain standing about and even looking in at the windows where the Tamil nurses are receiving instructions and examinations are going on. I have repeatedly told these men to please go and sit where the men wait, but No, at the time when the doctor is ready a mans head will be seen looking in at the window. Consequently I have had to reprove these men a little more severely than they have ever been used to and I maintain that if these Tamil nurses are to be shielded and protected this custom must be put down. I have been the rounds of the hospitals in Ceylon when on vacation and find it is not a necessity and I know it is not done at the Manepay General Hospital. There are also many other matters which require discipline of which I as a nurse could not sanction the continuance.

I would not have you think that this letter comes to you in a complaining spirit, it has all been prayerfully written. I am anxious that the work God so definitely brought me to should be done efficiently. I constantly get recognition from many of the educated people that the discipline of the hospital is so much better and that Dr. Curr needed help. In fact I hold letters received from these Tamils expressing gratitude for what has been done for them while they were with us. When I was in charge during Dr. Curr's absence my work was commented upon in the papers, so that this report that comes from the Local Committee is a got up story from a few not nice minded people.

I think the matter of the continued friction between the two hospitals which has been going on for some years is surely likely to influence the evangelistic work more.

I am willing to make an open apology if this treatment which isc complained of calls for such, or to any one person who specially feels aggrieved at the way I have treated him.

Yours very Sincerely
Ella W. Scott Patten.

Rec'd APR 12 1909

May 10

McLeod Hospital
Inuvil Jaffna.
Ceylon. 16/3/09.

Dear Dr. Barton

I received your letter dated 21st Jan: & very surprise am I at its contents; & that I had better resign without giving me a hearing, now I strongly object to this, on the ground of the aggravating circumstances,

Doubtless you have received my letter written 3 weeks back, since which the local committee not including Dr Scott have decided also that I should resign & sever my connection from the mission, which I consider a most unjust proceeding, particularly as only a year ago I appealed to the Sec: about the very unpleasant manner in which I was being treated at Inuvil by Miss Curr. & since the work was regulated things have been easier & more pleasant,

But Miss Burr does not want a second worker at Inuvil, her whole attitude to her assistant helpers such.

I offered to withdraw last year & now I simply ask for a little more than the time specified by the acting Sec: in which to make plans & communicate with my people.

Miss Burr has no intention of making her worker a success, what I suffered my first year here none but the resident workers know in the Hospital, as I have already written & told you that I tried to talk talk to her personally telling her the work could not be successful unless we worked together

& to give me her confidence, & she would not listen, then I wrote her & of no avail, lastly I told her I should resort to the mission,
It is not news to you that Miss Curr is unable get on with her fellow worker & my appointment should never have been made permanent under such circumstances,
It was a gt grief to me to find on arrival at Dumoi we were not in touch with the other Hosp: at Manepay it being quite 5 months before I was allowed or permitted acquaintance,
Manepay have 3 Doctor Dumoi one & the Nursing Supt is expected by Miss Curr to run the Hospital in her absence. last year & many times have I asked her how or what to give in certain ailment & also how to act in certain difficulties & she has tired round & said I hope to procure some one for my Hospital, a Hospital with 50 bed needs both a 2 Doctor & Head nurse to look after the nursing or the same calamity will happen as happened previous to my arrival at Dumoi
I am very taken aback at the turn of things as I did not wish to join Miss Curr knowing that she had been alone so many years, this I had out with her in England, telling her that she probable had some native workers who had got into certain ways, which would not be easy to undo, or she would not be willing to look to me, & so I found, when I settled into real work, Last year I was left the only representative of the mission in charge of the Hospital 5 months

without an interpreter, the native nurses are not able to interpret English unless one has a knowledge of Tamil, by the boards green book I am expected to know the vernacular & I have had 6 months lessons since being in the mission now over 2 yrs. Dr Curr had instruction to get me a teacher & has never moved in the matter When seeing Miss Curr at Port said she urged me to join her even when you yourselves had partly appointed a Miss Cassewell,

I am not wanting to stay with the mission I think it best to go after a while, but the board must support me until I have procured other work at home,

A new port created is always a little difficult particularly where the work is established & again the unsettled state of these 2 Hospitals is deplorable & prevents any worker working easily

I have had too many nice letters from the Tamil people to know whatever has got afloat is false as regards my attitude toward the Tamils & had Miss Curr upheld me as Dr Curtis has always been upheld at Manepay things would have been different,

When joining the mission I had no idea that the work at Manepay belonged to the same board so entirely does Miss Curr resent any help, there is another side to this question of which you know nothing about

You regret in your letter that I have not written you, last year I wrote & medical & medicals

& sent it to the Hills for Miss Carr's approval she so discouraged it that I feared to write any more this same story was commented on by other missionaries who said it was well worth using & Mr. Giles Brown now has it & I think is sending it to Life & Light.

This letter has been written but by but under trying circumstances as I am again in charge of the hospital but I have Dr T.B. Scott helping me.

I should like to add that I think the way in which Mr. Dickson has hastened matters previous to his going on leave has been most inconsiderate like, Dr Scott who would understand many of the professional difficulties (of which Mr Dickson not being a medical man) at Imwil has said nothing, only last year Miss Carr was so unpleasant at the meeting of regarding the work at Imwil that Mr. Scott has to ask her husband to say nothing In fact the letter that was written me from that meeting had no business to have been sent, I wanted the matter raised again but many of the missionaries ask me to let it rest on account of Miss Carr's very unpleasant ways about it & through all Dr Scott had not be allowed to help. & now I tell you that the letter sent to me asking me to resign, takes my character away, the qualities that make a womans work of any value are lacking in me. and unless my testimonials are perfectly satisfactory & my character reinstated I must resist the decision of the mission

Yours Sincerely
Isabel W. Scott Patten

Send before March 1st

Jillah N. Scott-Patten

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Fr. Barton wrote Jan. 21 & May 10

Inc Wood Hospital
Jaffna
Ceylon.
15 June 6/09.

Dear F Barton

It is now a very long time that I wrote you, first a type written letter & later another giving you a few details of matters &c at Tinnevil Hospital up to the present. I have received no answer to either of my letters, & I am leaving the mission on July 1st ~~now~~ less than a month from now, I am very grieved & disappointed about not hearing & hope & pray that God will open

Rec'd Inch. 15th April 12

a way at some future date
that we may have a personal
talk with you

Yours very sincerely
Billah H. Scott Patten

Or OUTFIT left with the American Ceylon Mission by
ah W. Scott Patten, late Nursing Superintendent, Mo
Inuvil.

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c/o Dr. Parker

SEP 22 1909

Madura
August 28rd, 1909.

Dear Dr. Parton,

Your last correspondence to me you desired me to write and tell you my plans, I am sorry I have left it so late but I have had much to think about and arrange, and only a short time to do it in.

I left Jaffna July the 10th, being ten days latter than the appointed time by the Mission, it being due to unavoidable circumstances and then I was practically asked to go, and my closing days amongst the Mission was any thing but pleasant, but the one who comforts and sustains us all under trial has been made very real.

I took my holiday at Kodaikanal and was hoping that some work might open up, but I had been having bad news of a sister's Illness at home and decided (she wishing it) that I would go home, Whilst at Kodaikanal I got to know Dr. Parker who asked me if I would like to see her work before going home, and after waiting for my mail letters, I decided after packing up at Jaffna I would come along to her before sailing, I have now been with her nearly four weeks taking a share in the work of the Hospital I have been glad to be a help to Dr. Parker, the work is very different to Jaffna, much more extensive, and amongst a more needy and poorer people, I feel that my life was luxurious in Jaffna to the life here, one feels here you are helping the people so much more, one comes in contact with many more Heathen.

I am expecting to leave for England some time before Christmas, as my people insist upon my coming home before taking up further work and my sister's need calls me.

The future lies in the distance, I can make no plans. I am inclosing an account which came out in the Ceylon observer news paper and think perhaps you would like to see it. I am hoping that the way will open for us to meet in Boston at some future date.

Very faithfully Yours,
J. W. Scott Patten.

left with Ceylon Inquirer

Sarah H. Scott-Patten

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FAREWELL TO MISS SCOTT PATTEN

After more than two years of well sustained and energetic work, Miss Scott Patten, the able and popular Maternity Nurse of the Women's Hospital at Inuvil, Jaffna, left us on the 9th instant rather abruptly. As it became known that she was likely to resign, grand preparations were set on foot to give her a worthy farewell meeting and purse with an address, but the public was denied this for reasons best known to those in authority.

We can only make it a matter of public sentiment that the loss is ours purely that of the suffering woman-kind of Jaffna, to whom she has been an ideal help and reliever, during the period of their greatest bodily agony and mental anxiety. Her excellent nursing and unwearying attention and devotion to duty has been much appreciated. Miss Dr Curr will find it difficult to get on without the able assistance of her colleague. We wish the good lady a pleasant and safe voyage to her home and a speedy return to our land for enlarged and more independent usefulness.—Jaffna *Occ. Cor.*

THE PLAGUE COMMITTEE--did not meet today, there being no buisiness.

SS. "CITY OF CORINTH"—is due in Colombo from Liverpool on the 23rd inst. and has excellent accommodation available for first-class passengers.—See advt.

SUPPLY OF ARRACK.—Tenders will be received by the Chairman of the Tender Board at the office of the Controller of Revenue up to noon on July 27th for the supply of arrack during 1910 for the Colonial Store.—See advt.

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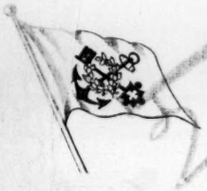

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD
BREMEN.

20/11/09.

Dear Dr Barton

I am on my way home & write to tell you that I am going to Cairo for the winter in the hope of procuring work to enable me to visit you all in America some time next year.

I was truly sorry to leave the work & workers in Madura + Dr Parker was kind enough to say she was sorry to have me go, but I think it best that

I see the board in American before taking up any more work with the mission, Dr Parker told me that
(2) the mission had voted that I be paid my salary for the time I was with her although I was with her 3 months I was actually working only a little over 2 months, I hope you will see your way clear to grant me this, it can be sent through Cooks Tourists Agents Cairo.

I expect to continue my journey to England in the Spring, my sister being better & though not quite well, otherwise I could not have stayed over in Cairo,

I have been glad to avoid the winter in England which had I gone strait on now would have arrived at a very severe time, with best wishes that your mission may be abundantly blessed.

Yours very truly.

Sillah H. Scott Patten.

Helen S. Root

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Chodooville, Jaffna Ceylon
Nov. 27, 1900.

Rev Jas. L. Barton,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Your kind letter suggests that my theory of being "not heard" is open to objection when the child is "not seen" either. It very soon dawns upon the novice that anything in the nature of report or description should come from those who know about things. Nevertheless I am going to accept your cordial invitation to write to you and shall enjoy telling you about some of the things that have made this first year a good one.

Has anyone written to you about our Bible Women's Conference in July? It was such a privilege to have a part in this beginning of what we hope may be a custom, of coming apart from home cares and distractions into some quiet place to wait upon God. It was suggested in January

that the Bible Women under the charge of the Mission, about fifty in all, should be invited to Cordonville, during the July vacation, for a three-days' meeting for prayer and Bible Study. During those months as we planned for it and prayed about it, the thing took shape and substance until in July, we welcomed here about forty of the Bible Women, and as many other leading Christian women, as regular attendants thro' the meeting, and many others from session to session.

They were entertained here in the school which was to so many of them the sacred place of their entry into fellowship with Jesus long ago, and the most touching thing about it all, to me, was their delight at being back here, to stay one night, and to have the pleasant visit with their old friends. We were a little rebuked for our weak faith when we saw how willingly they came, and how heartily they enjoyed it all.

They had been invited by personal letters not only to come but to pray earnestly for God's presence and blessing and I am sure they did so. Miss Swift at great personal inconvenience, came from Madura to help us, and very simply and clearly she opened the Scriptures. In all her talks she gave such helpful suggestions as to method in Bible Study, that she was able to start a good many in the way of effectually searching the Scriptures. It was a great happiness to have her here, and I feel confident that her message went to many hearts.

Not least among the benefits of this Conference, was a closer sympathy between the Bible Women and other Christian women. There was a tender feeling that since we were in the vineyard, ready for the work, but there only desired preparation for the time at least that they were all laborers together with God. The meeting was also as we

have never been told, a powerful testimony to the heathen people of the reality of the Christians' adherence to their religion. It was an especially season and it astonished our neighbors to see these Christian people sacrifice the work which meant money, for the sake of a three days meeting.

I could tell you a lot more about it, but a full report will be sent sometime. The whole affair costs about Rs. 200. as we paid travelling expenses of all the women, and their food, and also aid Miss Turner's expenses from India. We think it was worth while, though, and hope and expect to have another conference next year, tho we do not expect to have it cost so much.

Another thing you would like to know about is the great big, splendid opportunity that has come to the mission in the opening of the R. R. to Jhansi. I know it seems as though there ought always to have been a rail-

road in Jaffna, but this is the first. At its terminus, Kangaisen Turai, the mission owns land and ought to have at once a preaching place and an active evangelist. There are hundreds of workmen there, and nothing is being done for them except by the personal efforts of the contractor, a staunch Christian man. He has invited different pastors over for special services and has been carrying on what work he could in connection with his business. It is going to be a big town, there, being the port and R. R. terminus too, and we ought to be pre-empting it for Christ. It is very much on my heart. We cannot see yet either the men or the money.

Todaville School is re-opening today after a three weeks vacation all of which I spent, and part of which Miss Hinsland spent at Trikasu, by the sea; we came back very rested and had to get hold of the work again. I have done only a little regular

teaching, but am praying most that the girls whom I have laboriously instructed in English may not pass the Calcutta Entrance examination, soon to come. Tamil has been my daily portion, and now it begins to be a medium for conveying thought and not wholly for concealing it, I can only trust God and take courage. This struggle and tumult for many months, but I begin to see the light of victory ahead.

Two very pleasant bits of work are the Junior C. E. in the School and the Children's meeting in the Station Church. Iris hard today, which are most attractive, the little school girls in their white dresses, sitting so demurely on the floor and singing "their own" greeting so hugely, or the dirty crazy little brown tots that crowd around the church steps long before the hour and then when the bell rings, whoop wildly and scramble into the church. Once in, they are a little more decorous but never

faithfully do. Never too much so to fight for their picture cards sometimes surreptitiously withdrawn by their neighbors. Not all the children are of this type but enough to make it interesting. I fully believe, though, that our Master has need of some of these little ones and I want to help win them.

We have been glad to hear of so good a meeting of the Amer. Bd. and hope your trip to Mexico has been a fruitful one. We are looking forward with great eagerness to the visit of the Deputation next year and trust that you will surely be of the number.

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

Helen S. Root.

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Dodoville, Jaffna
May 13, 1902

My dear Dr. Barton:

I was glad to receive your kind letter as well as the Deputation Report. It meant very much to us to hear you come and if we haven't been pouring letters into the office it is not because there has been any doubt of your sympathy and help where that is possible. We at Dodoville are fighting just now the fight of our lives and it is exciting indeed. You will remember the talk about Dodoville taking in low-caste girls. Two from Navaly applied last year and were put off till the regular opening time. There has been a lot of talk about it but I think the people were pretty confident they could scare us out.

Miss Haviland and I only returned from India the night before the opening and found that chiefly because the Navaly passes had weakened in the matter, the faint of the little girls was afraid to come. However there had to be two tests this year and by the second one, last Saturday, he got his courage up and came. One after

much too late

children passed the test and the other failed badly. So the father was told he could leave the older one but the other must go home. That rather shook his resolution for he thought it would be a pretty serious pull for her all alone, but he left her and here she is.

Then began the protest of the community and there has been no doubt as to its nature. They were indignant, insulted that such a thing should be permitted. It had never been done and why begin now. We kept making the same reply that it seemed right to us to give her a chance with the rest. Miss Howland has thought it best to have her sleep in the house and eat by herself but insists that she must have the same privileges in classes. As a matter of fact she is always made to sit somewhat apart and very occasionally to keep down on the floor but usually she is treated pretty nicely. But I never knew the meaning of the word out-caste till I saw her among the hundred and fifty others. At present it is an unspeakably lonely life for her, though there are a few loyal girls who do their best to be companionable and kind.

It would be funny if it weren't so sad, to see these dear Christian girls so broken up by the matter. They do act, the little ones, as if she was a wild beast who had strayed into their compound.

Yet it is very serious from every point of view. On Monday all day long Miss Haviland labored (literally) with the angry parents who came to take their girls away. It was a most trying day and I am sure it was only God's special mercy that kept the school from clearing out bodily. As it was two girls were taken home and several were kept from coming. Late in the afternoon we had a very beautiful assurance of the Lord's help. One man, a Hindu, had come determined to take his daughters away. Miss Haviland talked with him most kindly and finally told him he must of course do as he thought right. He went out to his bandy to have the madam brought up, and in a few minutes returned and said "Madam, you are very near to God and if you think it right to take a Nallaver girl I will not

interfere. If I took my girls home perhaps others might do so. I know you will not let any harm come to them and I will have them". Then he told us how as he came he was stopped by people who begged him to take his girls and throw his influence against us - Christian people those. Well, we felt it was just a triumph - entirely unexpected at the moment it came, and worth so much to the cause -

Mr. Mather had said he would not send his daughters but yesterday he did, which was a great help also in turning public sentiment. Here, in this village the Christians are very excited. They are ashamed to be just openly (which I rejoice at) but they are stirring up the heathen to make a fuss - They have threatened the dhobies with boycott if they wash for us. But I think that is bluff, and won't last long. Almost hourly we see from the faces of the girls that the current of feeling is going this way and that but I think it gradually changes for the better and I have no doubt as to the final outcome -

Mr. Morris' "Poetic Beauty"

obtained prominent place in Oxford, & deserving a place in every lover of poetry's library. Some of the poems are not quite up to the standard of the rest (to mention one point) but on the whole it is a book of which the publishers may be proud.

Mr. Morris's "Poetic Beauty" is published by Longmans, Green & Co. in London & New York. It contains about 300 pages, & is neatly printed & bound. The price is $1.50 net.

Friday. May 16.

On Wednesday afternoon the dholies struck work, having been threatened with beating by a crowd of men outside, if they took any more clothes home to wash for the school. This was pure boycott as Miss Howland had already given the little Mallava girls clothes to her own dholy hoping to avoid this trouble.

A number of people were waiting and after the argument with the dholies was over they demanded their girls and Miss Howland had to begin all over again. They were all kindness so the argument from the point of view of Christ's will, did not appeal to them at all. She tried to show them that it was all idle talk soon sure to pass away, but they felt that the girls' reputation was likely to be ruined. Once Miss H. said "Well, how about the few days your daughter has been here now?" Humble farmer thought that so little pollution as that could be managed. Three girls were taken home that night

Monday May 19

all by Scottish Sirdars. Yesterday it was a big struggle again; Many adults from that same village - Araly - came and the great argument was that the girls' chances in life would be ruined if they stayed. All who were making these protests were heathen and they took the girls except in several cases where the girls themselves being grown-up and Christian either persuaded their parents to have them or just refused to go because the whole matter was a heathen question which was given up when they came to Christ. The mother of one such girl went away to cut her throat but I notice it is in good working order this morning so I guess it was an idle threat!

Now after being so far as we can judge, fearfully frightened by the wild stories of their heathen neighbors, the Christians are rallying to us, and for that we thank God with all our hearts, I mean for that we are doing all this and if they respond it is all easy.

Monday May 19- 7.

On Saturday we had the nearest approach to violence that we have yet experienced. Prof. Hitchcock with his family was here till nearly night. then Dr. Scott drove in for a few minutes and both went away feeling that things had really settled down. Almost immediately after the Doctor went, the mothers of three dear Christian girls who had stood their threats all the week, came in and blustered and shouted till the veranda was a pandemonium. The girls were crying and protesting and then the mothers brought in several stout young relatives who had come along to enforce their going home. A number of others gathered around. it is so easy to get a crowd. and I really thought there would be a row. I asked the old gardener Arumugam who stood near enjoying it hugely, if he thought they meant trouble and he said with scorn "No. Dis only talk". Finally the girls went home but hoping they might be allowed to come again after the row was quiet a little. One was smart enough

Thursday A. M. May 22.

is make a bargain with her mother that she should be allowed to come to church regularly and sure enough yesterday there she was. Two of these girls are near neighbors to the little out-caste and while their people treat the family kindly at home it is unbearable to them to have her in the same school. The poor child - Assappillay, ("Child of my Desire") was frightened that night but on the whole she is one of the bravest little things I ever saw. I wonder what we would do if she were a "cry-baby." She is happy too. The things that make my blood boil are what she has been all her life accustomed to, and she thinks she is well treated. Indeed every day there is an increase in the real kindness with which she is regarded among the girls, especially the older ones. It is certainly a valuable experience to them and we pray God that they may get the blessing out of it. It is a great satisfaction to find such a general and growing loyalty among them.

Thursday A. M. May 22.

Day by day the parents keep coming, the girls vary in their desire to go or stay. Yesterday two went home both new girls who had been brought after the affair began, with the full confidence on the part of their friends, that the little girls would be sent away as soon as their displeasure was made known to us. They are just beginning to comprehend that we mean business and perhaps their determination is only just now dawning upon us as well. The elite man who came yesterday was a Christian not very well known among us, however, having been among the Wesleyans for many years. None of our own Christian people have come openly to make trouble. Though we know many perhaps are disapproving of the course we have taken very many believe the principle is right and accept with courage the inconvenience it brings to them. Pastor Bryant of Navaly is really suffering at the hands of his neighbors and many are being made very uncomfortable indeed. One heathen man from Navaly took his

daughter from the English School and when I asked for the money for the time she was here - which has been a deterrent in some cases - he sneeringly said: "And you came all the way from America to do charitable works!" "For or all," I said, "we came to teach about Jesus Christ the Savior." "But if we were giving alms we should carcely pick you out as a suitable subject". Because he is very rich and high" that pleased him and he was almost polite.

You know Mr. & Mrs. Trimmer are away and Mr. & Mrs. Weaver from Matanzas are in their places. It is a change that seems really Providential. Mr. Weaver and Mr. Pickford, who took Mr. Hussey's place, both back us up blundidly in praying for us and asking for the justice of the plan, and refusing to take into their schools any girls who have us for this reason. They offered this last voluntarily and with such help the battle is easier. But it is still pretty hard. It isn't near so

romantic or blood curdling as to be shut up in a "beleaguered fortress" but the principle is precisely the same and the spirit of this people is both hard to understand and hard to bear. (We are unable to go out of the compound, at least our most loyal native friends fear violence for us and there is no special need for us to excite the anger of the people.) All this is especially hard for Miss Haddland. The people that she has worked among so long, and so lovingly are the very ones to do these things and to charge her with ~~things~~ dreadful that she has to satisfy herself by saying over and over again, "They do it without knowing. Oh, they don't know what they are saying." Is another special blessing that all this seems to only make their need of Christ the plainer and God has given us rather an increased love for this people. In fact the spiritual blessings measure away up beyond the material uncomfortableness. It is to both of us a great privilege to be in the struggle and even to be counted worthy of a little suffering for His Name's sake. But

we appreciate all his kindness afour.
man helpers very greatly too. Mr. & Mrs. Hitchcock
an throwing themselves into the affair
with the utmost enthusiasm and I can't
tell you what a comfort they have been.
Dr. and Mrs. Scott are just the same and
doing everything to help us that they can
think of.

Now I ought to explain a little more
clearly the dhobey question. Not only do the
men refuse to wash for us, but they refuse
to let anyone else do it and themselves
threaten to stop washing for the parents of the
girls. Further they are the ones sent
around with various stories trying to
destroy our good name and that of the
school. One who washes for the Hospital
at Manipur promised to do them and Dr. S.
drove to this place with the bundles of
clothes from there, in the evening. Castle
and man he had arranged with, began to
take them out, his son began to shout,
and in a minute the whole village
was there and Dr. Scott after some
argument had to carry the clothes home.
See that man is coming daily to Manipur

With kindest regards to Mrs. Boutin
Faithfully yours Archa J. Root.

and washing them out as best he can with a limited supply of water. It is most wonderful that he is allowed to do that. Mr. Curtis met the Manager of Batticotta in town and was assured that if the clothes were sent to the town dhobies they'd never get back here. Everyone is sure we can't manage. However once the girls washed their own jackets, with great enthusiasm. (We are buying cloth and making new garments and are now negotiating with people in Colombo to buy and get them washed there sending by steamer and back.) It is a very expensive thing but we think it best to carry it through, especially as we have the help of so many of the Christians. The way we are not clear about but we are sure God will lead us right. The boycott has not yet reached the food supply. May the Lord help us in that.

I am going to send this long letter and may go on with the journal next week. All felt sure you would want to know about this in detail. I wish we could write for publication but it doesn't seem best just now. With kindest regards to Mrs. Barton

Faithfully yours. Helen I. Root.

Miss Helen T. Root,

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JUL 3 1902

Oodoorville

May 29, 1902.

JUL 24 1902

Dear Dr. Barton:

Today is the meeting of the N. E. S., the big May-meeting that was put off on account of the D. D. Deputation last year. This time the setting is slightly different, rather that of the Old Girls' Meeting which you attended. And the circumstances are very different. Everyone has promised us a big "Kalathi" which is a row without firsts, for the heavenly parents of the

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Oodoorville, May 13/902

girls here think it a nice time to take their home and generally disturb the Christians and try to break the school to splinters. We are not so sure that they will do any of this for God has given us help up to this time and we believe He will today.

We have just 120 girls now, a delightful number for whom there is good accommodation. We would be glad to keep just so many if we might.

Yesterday a Chavagachery man, who previously had told me that the Deputation

entirely approved of the State office people in Chat-
himself, a "border" Christian
took his daughter and a
neighbor's daughter after five
hours of intermittent talk.
He said genially - "You might
think I was lying, Madam,
but I assure you I have
no motive beyond what
I tell you. My daughter
cries to go with me, and
I feel such pity I am
unable to go away." Finally
he took them out of school
with our consent as his
pleasant plan to take them
for "a few days" was too
hopelessly transparent. The
only thing we can do in
these cases is to try to show

hear patiently how the thing is from the Christian point of view and to put it on the one basis — "What would please Christ in this matter."

Friday May 20.

And, you know, the meeting was wonderful. I am sure the people had a great blessing. It was a quiet and most happy day, to judge by the faces and the voices all about us. You will be glad to be spared a verbatim report of the proceedings.(!) but we had

fine stirring addresses from Mr. Wadsworth, an independent Tamil Evangelist, from Mr. Alagasuntharam, the Pasumalai pastor, and from Mr. Hastings. They dealt plainly with the people and what was said certainly seemed to go to the heart. Up beyond the platform was a great scroll of red cloth, having the words in white "Come out from among them and be ye separate". The whole thought of the day was

one-ness with Christ and all His people.

The girls were going to wear new cloth for their Christmas if the deadlock with the dhobies had not been broken. But I'm sure the white robes of the heavenly City won't be a greater delight than were their clean freshly washed garments. It was such a beautiful token of God's care ~~and~~ that the clothes had come back the previous night. I am sure it was a great help to the faith of those

Christians who are working and praying for this matter to be carried thro' to His honor. And there are many such. We are unspeakably thankful to find the native church more ready to respond than we had feared.

The poor little girl, whom we usually speak of as "the Infant", was frightened by the threatenings she had heard and wasn't very comfortable in the meeting. but at night her face was bright and her

faith had been strengthened too by God's care after all day. It is very pitiful often to see her fear but usually she is bright and brave outwardly at least.

Pastor Eliot Stanley is so very helpful. I do not know how we could have managed without him. Dr. Scott has enlisted Mr. Curtis also and found him just as faithful. I might tell you of a lot of others too, that it has just delighted our hearts to discover. It is a great fight and I may send another letter next week.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Barton -
Faithfully, Helen T. Root.

Personal.

Clodoville, June 2, 1902

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Dear Dr. Barton:

We begin to feel almost as if the battle were won. Still we go in and out with dirty clothes in large bundles, with the bearing of unskillful burglars. I was at Mansfey on Sat. Eve. when the plucky fellows who do the washing, came to bring the clean things and to take away the others. They came after dark and professes to wash at night, but that we doubt, and how many lies they tell to avert suspicion we can only imagine. But they are

standing by his royalty. A Hindu man who is friendly enough to Dr. Scott and under obligations to him, is backing the dholes and with his promise of protection and their own precautions they feel pretty safe. Now we hear of the other washermen blaming their Sinite friends for having lost them so good a job. The amazement of the people that the clothes are washed at all is excessively funny. It proves that some Tamils can be trusted with a secret, that they don't know just how it is done.

3. June 3 - Tuesday.

Last evening was the semi-annual meeting of pastors and missionaries, at Duvil, this time. I had rather thought we both might go. But just as the last decided it was better to stay by the school. It was a long and rather "scarey" evening but nothing really happened till after the others got home.

About 11:20 P. M. I was awakened by the sounds of men running past the house. Hastily getting ready to go out, I heard from Mrs Howland that there was a big blaze of fire out behind the school. By the

time we got out there, the fire was nearly out; it was a section of the old fence bordering the new little compound purchased last year, and the large out-building. The roof of this had been all burned off and the timbers were pretty well burned through.

We found Pastors Eliatamby and Aunt and Alagasundaram of Pasumalai, and Mr. Lawrence and Teachers Cyman and Daniel with two or three other near neighbors. They were working hard bringing water to put out the blaze and digging up earth to smother it, and even cutting away the part of the ridge to save the rest. It was

just by God's mercy that the girls did not waken. But with the exception of four or five who made themselves most useful, they slept through it all.

Lowas rather grotesque after all, these dignified pastors working away charred and dirty, to see that not an ember was left, with the light of two or three lanterns in the great darkness after the blaze was gone.

When they went home they stopped and knelt down with us on the house verandah and Pastor Chunr offered such a good, earnest prayer for

us and our charges and especially for the Christian that they might follow Christ in this matter. It came very near to breaking down the composure we were trying to maintain. If ever I felt I was in the company of saints it was then and I would not have exchanged their strong earnest sympathy for anything just then.

Then at about 1 A. M. Miss Dowland and I took our mattresses out to the platform of the big school room and made comfortable beds there. I won't swear that we slept much. I, for one, was thoroughly frightened at this evidence

of unyielding bitterness on the part of these people about us. We have not anticipated personal violence but now I begin to wonder about that. I am sure all this will bring the loyal ones among the Christians more fearfully to us. And always there is a very sweet certainty that God will take care of us, whatever it may be necessary to send to us. We know who are the most likely ones to have done this thing last night — a reckless crowd of young men who care

nothing for any restraints. More for their sake than ours Dr. Scott has this A.M. appealed to the Manager - Mr. Barr of Lilly Valley.

Friday P.M.

After the escapade of Monday evening everything here has been very quiet. We hear of plenty of rather violent talk against us and particularly now, against those Christians who are loyal in this matter. A Mr. Charles from Nawaly has just come to be my munshi. The price of his getting the position was that he

should bring back a nearly-
related girl, Alice Murugesu,
who was taken away three
weeks ago. How he managed
I don't know but he
brought her and her
happiness is beautiful to
see. She feels it was a
real deliverance for her
and has a much more
actual trust in God than
ever before. She was not-
able to communicate
with ~~to~~ us until late
last Sat. night a pitiful
letter reached us and
already Dr. Scott had
negotiated for her returns

with Mr. Charles. She is glad it came to have Dolly so far as she is concerned, in answer to prayer, and I believe she will always be stronger for those seventy days of lonely waiting upon God.

After Monday's escapade there has been a little natural fear among the girls, but Miss Dowland and I have kept out in the school each night and we think there need be no panic looked for among them now. Still it is a very real dependence upon God for the needs of every hour. We can't look forward much. With kind regards, H. J. Root.

Miss H. J. Root

Dodoville June 2, 1902

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Codoo ville
June 11. 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton:

The trouble is by no means over yet, it seems. On Sunday morning early we had another fire, the hedge on the east side towards the road being set on fire, evidently with a view of burning the English school. It was just in the nick of time that we got there and by pulling away part of the hedge, stopped the fire. Two minutes more would have cost us at least a new roof and some furniture. Since then we have had

two guards who are supposed to keep awake as well as two other men who sleep on the verandahs. Yet we realize how absolutely inadequate our preparations are - and it is only our Father's care that keeps us from greater harm. Dr. Scott went to see the Chief of Police in town, an English man newly out, who seems willing to help. But he has to work through the native men and they can find a hundred ways to circumvent him if they like.

Mr. Mather's daughter has gone home and I fear they will not send her back. She is getting rather

too positive[3] in his opposition and is reported probably more so than he really is. I believe he really means to follow the truth as he sees it and pray that he may have grace to open his eyes now - and <u>see</u>. He wants to start a new boarding School for high-caste girls. You know they all say they have always supposed this was designedly a high-caste school and many ~~that~~ think we are false to the best ideals of the School.

Friday Night. June 13 -

I was aroused half an hour ago by a blood-curdling yell that set my

neverss tinghing but meant-
nothing at all save that
our little Assaipilly was
frightened one wakened
out of a sound sleep, by
her grandmother's touch.
All the family have
come to see her. now
after five weeks here,
and her mother, a really
beautiful woman, is
grieved enough to find
the little daughter even
in her sleep afraid of her.
Now the child is so happy.
The father wants toget-
away before any one
discovers this presence,
but he waits to have prayer
all together before he can
leave the child.

Yesterday we were honored with a visit from the illustrious Manager, Mr. Barr, who told us frankly that there were "difficulties" in the way of helping us much. One was this. In any other case we could easily get false witnesses to swear they saw some-persons set it on fire. But of course we can't call them out." !!! No, we said, it wouldn't be the thing. But such is justice, as revealed by the native administrators in Ceylon. Another difficulty was that "the people feel

that you, Madam, have done them an injury and they are just retaliating in this way".

Public confidence is being a little restored however. We have now almost 150 boarders, at least ten more than we can accommodate properly. Several have come this week. It is all very puzzling.

We are having to spend lots of money for clothes for these children. It takes Rs. 150 for each set of clothes. They now have four sets all around and none

to change tomorrow unless the dhobies get up their courage to bring some back before morning.

Sat. A. M.

Sure enough, at 2 A. M. Mr. Scott appeared with his carriage full of clean clothes. This morning we have been separating and arranging them and find we have plenty for today's needs. So it has been every time. Just for one day at a time but we have gone through five weeks and lacked for nothing. We are glad to think that by now our first letter have reached you and we can count on your prayers

in this difficult situation.
You wouldn't know our
quiet and beautiful
Jaffna, now, so general
is the upheaval ~~of~~ all
around us, on caste.
Mr. Brown has a hard
problem over at Atchuvely.
Mr. Dickson is having
some trouble. About
here the house to house
work of evangelists and
Bible women is almost
stopped. Yet out of it
all we feel sure God
must give a great blessing.
The special meetings are
just beginning this week.

With kindest regards to
Mrs. Barton, Sincerely,
Arthur J. Root.

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Miss Helen T. Root,
Codoorville
July 1, 1902

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Dear Dr. Barton:

Now I wonder if you think all this which I am writing to you, sheer nonsense. At least you will be interested in some newspaper comments which we have been collecting. At the same time, I truly believe that the trouble and hard feeling are lessening. Nearly all after bad girls who went home or chose to go, have now come back, and the dining room floor is again adorned with girls every night. If we come triumphantly through

the difficulty 2. we shall want a new building sure enough. Last week because of the expected Coronation, we gave a holiday from Wed. P. M. to Mon. A. M. About 90 of the girls went home but I have never before known them to come back so promptly and cheerfully as they did yesterday.

At morning prayers I was delighted to see another girl sitting serenely in the seat allotted to Assaipilly along-side of the outcaste. She had not at all an heroic appearance but just seemed to have dropped down in that seat because it was handy. I have said before that according to this notion

of good treatment the girls treat the child well, but their motives are not mine.

We still send the clothes out secretly at night and wait up till 2 o'clock or so, to get them in. There has been a little deadlock because the supply of fuller's earth fell short, and the thrifty folk who had a little raise the price up to the skies. Yet there is a goodly supply of clothes in the almyrah and a load going out and another coming in, we hope, tonight.

You will cordially appreciate the remarks about Miss Rowland, in the enclosures

Also that about the sheep and the goats! It is a very good illustration of the difficulty of getting the Tamil or Eastern point of view. None of our missionaries had discovered that the goats were more dishonored than the sheep.

We begin the evangelistic extra meetings at Dodoaville next week with three days in the School where I believe we are going to have a great blessing: then two days with the Christians and following three days of seeking for the outsiders. Such good meetings our Udipitty way. The Brouns may have written of their rejoicing. With sincere regards

Nellie D. Root.

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Dodoo'ville. Ceylon.
July 26, 1902
SEP 2 1902

My dear Dr. Barton:

I enclose a translation of a newspaper clipping which will give you the advanced-Christian-native point of view. We are getting along famously and are beginning to hope that the trouble is nearly over. Our old Dhoby says he is coming again in Aug. after the little vacation, no matter who tries to prevent him. We shall see. We have been wonderfully helped thus far and are feeling sure of having all we need in the future.

I am sending ~~you~~ several

of Lawton's photographs to Mr. Sewett hoping that he can get plates made for us as cheaply as it can be done here and of course far better. We want an illustrated short report this time. I hope it is the right thing to send to Mr. Sewett for the plates.

Miss Crawland has been a little more than usually tired and indeed almost ill from the great increase of care and work this year. We are both feeling quite ready for a fortnight's rest.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Barton and yourself,

Sincerely, Henry J. Root.

Miss Helen J. Root.
Oodooville, July 26. 1902

AUG 28 1902

From the "True News & New Age" printed at Pasumalai, India. July 1, 1902. Translation.

Codooville Girls School.

Codooville is a town in Jaffna. Here is a girls' school established by the American Mission nearly eighty years ago and continuing to the present time. It sends up candidates every year to the Entrance Examination of the Calcutta University.

When this School re-opened after the vacation two girls belonging to a low-caste came to ~~your~~ enter the School. This ~~was~~ the "Caste Christians" could not bear.

There are several reasons for this; in the first place nearly all the Jaffna Christians have come from the high castes, ~~Then~~ and though they have become Christians very few of them have given up their caste. Then too they are anxious to keep up fellowship with the Hindus. It was a rule of the school that all the girls should study and eat and sleep together, and many of the children who studied there were Hindus. For all these reasons, the missionaries' admitting the above mentioned girl was extremely distasteful to many. As our Saviour said "Him that cometh unto me I will

"in no wise cast out", it is the duty of missionaries to receive into Christian Schools all who apply, without making any difference. Praise be to God who has given the Jaffna missionaries grace wisdom and grace to perform this duty.

Because of the admission of the girl to the school, the dhobies who did the work for the girls there refused to wash the clothes. It was the people of the village who advised the dhobies to refuse. But what then? The Lord conquered. He heard the earnest prayer made by many of His children

The Lord gave a dhoby to do the work of washing those clothes.

One day some rowdies met the teacher who had taught that girl (before she entered the Boarding School), and gave him a beating. Not all are privileged to suffer for the Lord's sake and the truth's. During the past month, on two separate occasions they set the school hedges on fire. To what purpose? "He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps". There was no damage done to anyone.

Some Hindu parents, but only ~~one~~ or two Christians have withdrawn their children from the school. The missionaries

A stood firm saying that they would not countenance caste differences even ~~if~~ though all the girls left the school. May the Lord bless the school at this critical time. May the time speedily come when caste ~~observance~~ differences shall be put away by the churches of Jaffna. May the time soon come when the word, being no caste distinction in the fellowship of the Christians, may know ~~that~~ the truth that Christ came from God.

Francis Kingsbury –

{ F. Alagasuntharam Kingsbury
Pastor of Parumaka Church.

Translation from "Vivekananda". May 26, 1902

Oodiville Boarding School.

We have heard that many of the girls of this school, because of the admission of a low-caste girl, who ~~is~~ we would not touch, have left the school and gone home the past week. It is reported that some little girls who could not go away are kept separate from her. Although, being of low caste, that girl is kept away from the others, the school dhobies refused to wash there any more. The missionary loading the soiled clothes into his bandy, sent them to another village. The dhobies there also refused. Many of the Christians disapprove of admitting a "palli" (low caste girl) to the school. This being the case, what strange custom is this of denying caste prejudice!

If one of these who say they do not

care about caste will go as soon as he reads this article to the house of a pariah in Dodooville and eat with him publicly, his hatred of caste will be plainly established. If they do not do this we shall see how the missionaries will honour them.

From the Hindu Organ.

Putting a Low-Caste Girl in School.

[Palli in Palli]

Of all the Boarding Schools in Ceylon the Oodooville Girls' Boarding School Jaffna is the oldest and most important. It is about 77 years since it was established.

The former principal of this school, Miss Agnew was an excellent lady who well understood the customs of the people, regarding caste, the usage of the country and every thing of that sort. She died after having conducted the school properly for a long time. She did not hate the country, but in accordance with the proverb which says "Live so as to agree with the country," she carried on the school in combination with the people. Having found out how Tamil people

care for and bring up their daughters at home, she treated the children ten times more carefully than they did. This is a thing which is known to every one.

Before her Spaulding Ammah had done the same. Now Miss Howland is ~~as~~ the head of the school, although she is a lady of good conduct and piety and great ability, yet she does not conduct the school properly; she has entirely forgotten the customs of the country and of caste regarding children and every thing of the sort. By admitting a low caste girl to her school she breaks the caste customs of the high caste children who study there, and makes trouble for the people. It is a matter of great astonishment to us all that she fails to realize that the small good which

will come to one "palli" girl by being allowed to study, is entirely overbalanced by the great evil and injury that will come from the schools being broken up. The foolish mock the school children with a proverb- "Why go to "Palli" school? to dig up roots?" Is it not in confirmation of this mockery that Ammah made trouble by putting a palli (low caste) in palli (school).

Alas, Alas! How senseless this is! If the wise go to a village where the rat-snake is eaten they ask for a piece of its middle part! Likewise if one goes to proclaim the Gospel where caste is observed he should agree with the people, claiming that he is also of a high caste and so carry on his work.

Is it not a shame to carry the

clothes which have been worn by young girls through the streets? If children wear clothes that ought to be taken off and washed daily, will not the dirt from such clothing pass into the pores of the skin and cause sickness? How many girls are made unhappy and sick and ashamed by not having clean clothing all on account of one palli (low caste)! Dr. Scott tho' a physician seems not to have comprehended this evil. Is it suitable for Ammah to prevent from going home girls who are not willing to have palli study with them? Is it just? Why need Ammah do an act such as had never been done before in the school? Should she not have inquired of the neighbours and the people of the country? Ought she not to have asked the parents of the children?

It is true that people of all castes in the world ought to study and gain knowledge. But in order to accomplish this what should they do? Should they not establish separate schools and give them instruction there? Or else if after they have put goats with the sheep will not the droppings from the noses of the sheep (!) be spilled over the goats?

The missionaries there now seem to be far wiser than all who have gone before them! We perceive that the Missionaries have the erroneous idea that all the schools belong to them. Formerly certain Christian schools were built and conducted by means of money sent by the American Board for the Tamil people. Now those schools are carried on through the means furnished by the Tamil people.

Whose is the Grant-in-aid given

by the Government to the Schools? The Missionaries? The Tamil people's? Ask and know. It is the parents of the children who give the money for clothing, books, food &c.

The Sivites have established English schools of their own such as the Hindu College and Victoria College and some ~~some~~ small A. V. schools. Is not this because they could not bear the cruelty of the Missionaries who compelled the Sivite children who studied in their schools to rub the ashes off their foreheads and to attend meetings? If the Missionaries had conducted the schools in accordance with the ideas of the Sivites, the latter would not have thought of having separate schools. In order to effect the education of girls schools also will be opened here & there.

Enough of this. I wish to say a few words to the christians.

Christians! Though in name you were Christians, you have been friends with us. In family, caste and national customs, in dress and in manners and in other points you have hitherto agreed with the Sivites. Is it not so? When you come to our houses we give you seats and offer you betel. Now because you forget the observance of caste and allow your daughters to study, to sleep and to eat with a "palli" girl hereafter we will not entertain you as we have done. Therefore (!) call your children from that school.

To the Sivites:— Sivites! The Christians because they have suddenly became the descendants of Adam and Eve, (!) and also because they get their living from the Missionaries

have now discovered that they ought to mix without caste "pallahs" and "pariahs". Therefore if any of you have left your daughters in that school for the sake of higher education, summon them home immediately. Is it not enough that your children have learned reading and writing? Rather than lose the customs of our caste and religion it is better for women to go without education.

Miss Helen T. Root,

Jaffna, Aug. 7, 1902

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My dear Dr. Barton:

You cannot imagine how cheered and helped we have been by your kind and reassuring letters. We were eager for the friends at home to join us in prayer in the matter and have felt sure in these last quiet weeks that it was so.

The girls have just gone home for a two weeks' holiday after a most interesting Mission Examination on Friday P. M. It was a bona fide examination this time

where each class faced-
to its terror — an examiner
from the outside, Mr. Hastings,
Mrs. Hitchcock, Dr. Scott,
Pastors Eliatamby and
Stickney and Messrs. Fitch
and Ezekiel, each giving
a good and very interesting
series of questions. Most
of the girls weren't there
that night but some six
or seven were left-over,
the Infants (as we call
our low-caste charge) being
one of them. By the way
it ought to be said that
Mr. Hastings made six
attempts to pick her out:
from her class in the
exam. and finally had to be

told which she was! Late that night, after midnight in fact, her people came for her and she went home with great delight. They seem very stedfast about bringing her next term and indeed we should all feel it a very great misfortune if she were kept away now. It was much better however for her to go home and have her courage restored by the counsels of her beautiful mother. For the three months away from home have seemed very long to her and there

I am afraid this was written yesterday before.

While Miss Howland was in Lucknow a curious little thing happened. The room which Miss Howland formerly occupied is now given to the School. Assaipilly sleeps there, and the nurse and one or two others regularly and other girls as they were sick at any time - There was just then a little epidemic of influenza and a number of girls were staying in the house. One night, not of purpose but without any thought at all, the Nurse in giving the Congee - (rice-water + rice) to the sick girls

game, last,[5] to assaifilly, using of course one of the cups which we keep for the use of the School. No comment was made but the next morning, several girls hid by a fraud little lady who had been taken home and only just returned - refused to take anything from any of our cups lest it might be one that the Infant had used at same time. With considerable tact, the Nurse told them to run and get their own plates then and take their food that way - and later she came to me.

As I went to make my final look about before going into Church that morning. having heard after little difficulty and feeling it was more than dangerous to let such disaffection spread, I was asking the Lord to show me what to do,— and came up finally to where two of those sick girls were resting on the verandah - I drew them into the big school room and sitting down on the edge of the platform I began to talk with them. Three others came and

we just talked it all out
till I know they saw that
I loved them and only
wanted them to have the
joy of pleasing Christ-
in the matter. It was
especially that 25th Chap.
of Matthew and we all
broke down together,
and I felt that God gave
me a new hold on
those girls. And then
an hour later I saw two
of them making it all
right with Assaipilly
and afterwards laughing
and chatting with her
like real comrades. It
stopped the disaffection for
that time moatsurely.

You know, with all the sadness of the fact of "caste" among our Christians, I thank God most earnestly that He has given such an entrance among these high caste people to His Gospel. This is the greatest of opportunities for the native Church and for us, and I not only pray that we may be able to meet it, but believe that He is able to give us here more than we have yet dared to ask. Do not pity us or blame us because of the "blot" but help us in prayer to be worthy of our vocation. Forgive me for writing this.

Sincerely, Helen J. Root.

Miss Helen T. Root

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Chodooville, Ceylon.

Sept. 22, 1902.

My dear Dr. Barton:

You remarked when Rev. J. Paul's map of Jaffna was presented to you, that you would get some new maps printed from it, did you not? May I ask if a block has been made from that map yet? If not is it likely to be made soon? We have a modest? request. We want four hundred (400) printed maps to bind with the

Mission Report next year and we want them given to us. It may be a little early to make the request but I hope you will think of the matter and see if you can manage to send us the maps. I am sure it would add very much to the effectiveness of the printed report. I ask this not wholly on the responsibility of the "compiler" but partly by advice of the "brethren"

You will be glad to know that we are getting along very nicely and quietly in the school. Surely the Lord has helped us hitherto, though I am still very far from satisfied with the result as regards the Christian public But we all thank God for the way in which He has led and taught many of the people about us. Last Sunday we rejoiced also over seven more of our girls who were received into

the church.

You will be sorry to hear that Dr. Scott is looking more than tired, really ill and desperately in need of the furlough. It has been a great pleasure to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Bicknell and to see their eager setting to work.

All kind regards to Mrs. Barton and yourself.

Faithfully yours,

Helen T. Root.

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Dodoville, Ceylon, Oct. 20, 1902

Dear Dr. Barton:

You will perhaps have heard from Mr. Hastings of the very sudden and unexpected death of little Percy Scott. We hardly know yet how it has come about. On ~~Friday~~ Thursday he was taken ill and in spite of every effort to do every possible thing for him he went away before Friday noon. It has drawn us all closer to Dr. and Mrs. Scott, whose grief is hard even to witness — yet they are being comforted and helped even now. The little body was laid away here at Dodoville next that of the little elder brother.

I had wished to write you that the Lord is certainly answering prayer regarding the trouble (might I say, the late trouble?) in the school. During the last week several washermen have come and offered their services, saying there is no trouble now and why should they miss such a chance of making a good living. Why, indeed? We

Helen Isabel Root

are not yet sure that this is all as open and honest as it seems but we believe the way is opening out from this really serious difficulty. It has been, as you know a considerably increased expense which we have as yet no funds to meet, as well as a greater care and anxiety for Miss Howland, who has suffered under it.

Mr. Eddy with his Tamil friends, Messrs. Azariah and Paramanantham, has been holding some very blessed meetings in each mission, and then the past week in the old Dutch Fort Church. The evening evangelistic meetings have been crowded and there has been a considerable response to his splendid appeal for personal surrender to Christ. We have more or less shared in this as our girls and teachers have been able to go sometimes.

Miss Howland joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Barton and yourself. We are sincerely grateful for your interest and sympathy and prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Isabel Root

Miss Helen Fiske
Rec'd JAN 27 1903 223.
Dodoville
Dec-26, 1902
Ans'd FEB 12 1903
~~Rec'd FEB 12 1903~~

Dear Dr. Barton:

My profound salaams to you regarding the map, which I think will do very well as you have gotten it up. I have rather quaked at asking you and hope the interest and prayer aroused by our Report may pay for all this. Oh, I so want that blessing — God grant I may not hinder it —

The Scottsbaue gone, as you know, after being assured by Dr. Cuyler — whose opinion

they fully agreed in — that it was necessary for the Dr. to get away at once. We miss them greatly and shall, more and more. It was suggested that Miss Stanbland go with them but she as bravely as ever, decides to stay out the full term though greatly worn by this year's work.

Miss Childs death was such a surprise and sorrow to us — but how fine to go as she did. We wonder how her place can be filled.

We should of course be glad of the money if

the Women's Board could manage it. This not right for a Mission School to go into debt if it can be helped and we want to stand clear at least in this matter. Several girls are asking to unite with the Church and I know of only one who is not an inquirer. This a beautiful work to be in, as you know, and we want to do it worthily.

Very cordial greetings to Mrs. Barton and yourself from Miss Haviland and myself.

Sincerely Hem I. Root.

Miss Helen T. Root,

Rec'd JUN 15 1903

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Udwil, May 16/03

Ans'd JUN 15 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:

Your kind letter of Feb. 13 has been waiting till I could write with a clear conscience — that is to say, till I knew the Reports were on their way. Again thanks for the maps, and the illustrations sent at Mr. Dickson's request, by Mr. Swett. If they have not made it a fine report they

have at least removed a chronic badness!

Miss Staubland returned from a good holiday at Kodikanal on May 2. and we began School May 5th. Not so large a number came to be examined for entrance as sometimes but we took a class of 25, after some sifting out and much amusing pleading to be taken in at any price. So popular is Udaiyil this year!

The low-caste girl's sister came but to our great disappointment she did not pass the test and had to be refused. She was here nearly a week and went away crying bitterly so I guess she was treated well. As you know we want in many ways a more truly Christian spirit in the treatment of the girl, tho' we thank God more than ever to see all that has already been

accomplished.
You know, perhaps, that twelve of our girls were received into the church at the last communion in Feby. and others in their home churches. Others are eagerly asking to be taken and I hope will be soon. We thank God for all this so earnestly.
In the Vernacular School Govt. Grant Exam. in March - there was not a single

failure to pass in the standard — a thing which I think has never occurred before. The Grant, also was a little larger than the previous year tho' fewer girls were presented. In this too, we feel sure God has very specially helped us.

May I say a more personal word: I have often wanted to correct an impression

that I think you and Mrs. Barton must have received as you left Jaffna, namely that I was unhappy in the work given me to do; Is the impression long gone? So much the better. The experience of the past year has bound me to this work in great love, so long as God shall direct its doing. And I have found out how "to be content", which indeed I receive as a very good gift from

my Father. This does not mean that I do not long to do better all that is to do, but that, even with its limitations, the joy of service with Christ is very great.

Miss Howland joins me in kindest remembrances to Mrs. Barton and yourself.

Faithfully yours,

Helen C. Root

Miss Helen J. Root,

Vaddukkoddai

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Dear Dr. Barton:

Ten more copies of the Report have been now sent to you and ten to the Women's Board. Perhaps we can raise more among the Mission here.

We are sorry not to have a more favorable answer from the Women's Board to the request for help at Uduvil. Not, of course, to increase the force, but to tide over the two furloughs and preserve the present force for longer work.

Miss Howland must - not
deprived of her rest - if she
is to work another term a
we all hope she may. I am
not afraid of hard work
but - I confess it looks ha
enough. with Mr. Hastings
and Dr. Scott both gone a
no one at hand to consul
with. And this is too
good a school to let it
run down if we can help
it.

We are having a two we
between - terms and are
off to the Islands for a
little visit among old
pupils and others. Dr.
Young is expected this

week and it will seem good to have Mansfield occupied again. Mrs. Brown is still distressingly weak after nearly four months of illness.

With kind regards to Mrs. Barton and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

Irene L. Root.

Miss Helen T. Root, 226.

Rec'd JAN 29 1904

Danvil, Dec. 29, 1903

Rec'd MAR 4 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:

A short holiday gives me time for a word of greeting which is meant for the new year even if a little delayed. To Mrs. Barton and yourself we send very hearty good wishes.

We feel deeply grateful for months of deep blessing in the work among the girls. There has been an earnest spirit of prayer and God has been working. Twenty seven of the girls have come out and united with the church the past year and many more are candidates for

church membership — are truly converted we believe. The village also is showing new Christian life. We were helped by Rev. Jas. Lyall but both before and since his coming there have been many hopeful cases of conversion especially among low-caste. I am sure you will rejoice in this.

How Miss Howland is to be spared next year is more than any of us can tell but I fear a change is imperative for her. We cannot yet believe that no one will be sent to the aid of this work. It is a thousand pities to cut down the force now in the midst of such a harvest. Anyway Miss H.,

looks forward to developing the Christian service of the educated girls in their homes, if she is spared to come out again. It is a very needy field quite unoccupied. And the schools cannot be permanently carried on by one missionary without great loss of efficiency.

We are glad to hear of even a possibility of a Nurse being sent. May I say personally that I hope sending her may not in any way militate against the possible sending of a lady for general or school work. I do not think Dr. Cross means to take her furlough till the Scotts return and while a Nurse would fill a long felt want - we do

mournfully need help in the other field.

The Tamil friends are grieving over the death of Mrs. Trowland whom they very greatly loved. It was most fitiful when the Telugu Hand women - low caste women - felt of her loving helpfulness to them.

Sincerely yours,

Helen S. Root.

Miss Helen J. Root

Rec'd MAY 31 1904

Nuwara Eliya, Ceylon

Ans'd OCT 7 1904

April 28, 1904.

~~Ans'd MAY 31 1904~~

Dear Dr. Barton:

Your letter saying that there was hope of another worker being sent to Jaffnapatam brought good cheer indeed. If it is best to have help, I am sure you will be able to find the right one. I repeat — it is a great privilege to be in the work here and I sincerely want to have someone have a share in its blessing.

Miss Dowland left us on April 5 and will need all the rest she can get

in the year if she is to come again due work as we all hope. The older Christian people feel the parting with her very much and their tears were even more expressive than the many loving and appreciative words of the younger men and women.

We shall wait very eagerly for more news of our helper-to-come.

Cordially yours
Helen D. Root

Helen I. Root
Udaiwil, Ceylon
May 30 - 1904

Rec'd JUL 6 1904

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Udaiwil Ceylon

May 30, 1904

Ans'd OCT 7 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:

Thank you for your encouraging letter. I have not found an assistant but will try to do so. Meanwhile things seem to be going well and I am deeply thankful for entirely good health and strength and courage.

We began school on May 17 - about 50 girls applied for admission of whom we were able to take 26 and a few more

of those who did not quite pass the test were afterwards admitted with the payment of an increased fee. You will be glad to know that the sister of the low-caste girl passed triumphantly; this being the third year she has tried. She and her sister are happily at work and the friendly spirit of the girls is even more marked than before. I am amazed every day at the calm way in which they are allowed to do the very things that so

shocked the community
even a year ago. I think
this is a beautiful
answer to prayer and
am greatly encouraged
by it. At the same
time it is even
more marked than
before that a number
of our prominent
Christians are sending
their daughters to the
Wesleyan + C. M. S. schools
where they are not
at present troubled
with caste problems.
We have now 133
boarders and I hope
we can stop with
that. It is quite enough
for our buildings and

compound.

We seem bereft indeed with Mr. & Mrs. Hastings gone. We still hope against hope that Dr. Howland may see that Jaffna needs him more than the South - Miss Howland you will have seen before now.

With cordial regards

Sincerely yours

Helen J. Root.

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Helen I. Root

REC'D SEP 8 1904

Uduvil, Ceylon
Aug. 6, 1904

ANS'D OCT 7 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:

No light yet on the question of a new worker for Ceylon? We do not find the hoped-for assistant and I have begun to fix my hopes on someone's coming from America when Mr. & Mrs. Ditchcock return this fall.

The School is pretty full - 95 in Vernac. Sch. - 8 in Normal Sch. and 23 (boarders) in Eng. Sch. - that with the resident teachers makes an overflow of about a dozen who

cannot possibly be packed into the crowded sleeping rooms, and who come into the house to sleep.

Of course I am busy and some work must go undone, but I think things are going pretty well - There is a good deal of religious interest and unusual depth of experience among the Christians, while many of the new girls have sought and found the Saviour.

The girls are studying unusually well, I think, and one reason is that all this term there

has been considerable enthusiasm for vigorous out-door games. Basket Ball is very popular and extremely useful in getting them ~~to take~~ proper exercise. English speaking has had a "boom" too — i.e. in the Vernacular School — and they are struggling bravely to improve in it. The English school suffers most from my pre-occupation with other duties.

Miss Trowland seems to be getting real rest and help from her furlough. People ask me every day when she is coming back. The

girls have just finished paying in a Half Scholarship in her name which will be used for some poor girl in the school, beginning next year.

Rs. 125.00

Please remember me cordially to Mrs. Barton.

Sincerely yours
Irene L. Rook.

Miss Helen J. Root, 231 S

Rec'd DEC 20 1904
Ans'd MAR 8 1905

Uduvil, Ceylon
Nov. 15, 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:

Your letter of Oct. 11 brings such good news that I can only wish it were better! We are glad indeed to have this fine addition to the endowment. It will not justify us at present in enlarging the work but it will make just the difference between a continual struggle to keep out of debt, and a fair and comfortable living. The expenses of ordinary living have so increased that we have had a hard time getting along the past few years. I welcome this increased

income for the greater freedom it will give us every day in the vexing problems ~~&~~ of finances -

The school is going on, a little smaller than last year, and in several ways not quite so efficiently. Still I am surprised to find how many things I can do where necessary! Just at present, our clerk is sick, our nurse away, and in an interregnum I am taking the work of the English school head master in addition to my own and theirs and such of Miss Isaulaud's as I can compass!

You know we do need another missionary. Where are the Student Volunteers?

Mr. Hitchcock and family have arrived safely and it seems unspeakably good to have them back. All our Tamil friends are rejoicing also in the cheering reports from Dr. Scott.

I shall soon write to Mrs. St. John and perhaps send some photographs illustrating the work of the school.

Faithfully yours
Helen Isabel Root.

Rec'd MAY 16 1905

Kodaikanal So. India

April 18, 1905 –

Ans'd MAY 23 1905

x Dr. Barton:

Your alarming suggestion
Mar. 9. demands an immediate
ause. Indeed we do need, and
erately, the $200. from Mr. St. John
. to be spent right here in
ing current expenses and in
ing small improvements.

assistant was secured tempor-
ly only, in place of the new
ly to be sent out, and was, I
derstood, to be supported by
Women's Board in her stead
'l she should come. This is
a different proposition from
of a Tamil assistant at $125. a
and was entered upon only
we knew the support of a new
had been voted but no lady found.
ink we may have had too little

correspondence upon this subject though we thought we had full authority to engage Miss Watson as a temporary substitute for the new missionary.

If you remember how our dining room used to be filled with sleeping girls, and various other facts about our limited accommodations, I do not need to dwell upon the fact of our great need of this small addition to our resources. I am glad that you express your opinion that the money should be spent here.

We are indeed glad of a nurse for Durwil. Dr. Crum will have written you of her plans. The Mission is in greater straits than ever because of the illness of Mr. Brown. The Danpitty school may have to be sent down to Durwil if Mr. & Mrs. Brown have to stay on the hills two or three months longer, as the Drs. advise. In that case we should be glad to

have Miss Crawland come a little earlier than she has planned — say September, to arrive here at the beginning of the second term of school, Sept. 20. I will do my best to hold on till then and keep the schools in good order.

We are enjoying a pleasant time all together in Jaffna House, having more real, happy fellowship than the hurried life of the plains allows. Please remember me to Mrs. Barton.

Faithfully yours
Helen J. Rook.

Helen J. Root

Kodai Kanal - Ind. Apr. 18-05.

Helen J. Root

Kodaikanal - S. India. Apr. 18-05.

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Rec'd AUG 23 1905

Uduvil, Ceylon
July 19, 1905

Rec'd AUG 28 1905

J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

You will have received our cable message asking for Miss Caswell to come at once. Miss Crawford's name was not added because we understood that she would be ready to come as soon as there was anyone to travel with. In any case we hope they may soon be able to come. Miss Crawford ought if possible to be here before Sept. 13, when our second term begins.

The combined schools, Udupitiya and Uduvil are working very smoothly and I enjoy having more

than two hundred girls. Ten were received into this church last Sunday. We are praising God for that but we need a far deeper work of the Spirit. Almost every week, however, some make the great decision to belong to Christ.

There are four low-caste girls and their position is much better than ever before. That there are still some communts, the enclosed letter will indicate. This, however, almost the first definite protest I have had. We are very grateful indeed for this signal victory.

We do need Miss Dowland — my temporary assistant, Miss Watson, though very useful, is not able to take any of the advanced English work and I am sorry to have had to send away to another school my two most promising pupils as I could not

give time enough to teach them. If there were any probability of keeping the two schools together, a new missionary would be urgently needed - especially as my furlough is due in a year and a half.

I had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting of the Jaffna Students' Foreign Mission last evening, where all the reports were, to me, most encouraging. They indicated a feeling of deeper responsibility, than usual, and revealed also a good condition of things in the mission field itself.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours

Julius D. Root

Rec'd AUG 23 1905

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Translation of Letter on Caste at Udumil

Dear & Kind Madam:

I have heard that you are carrying on the Udumil School by having Palla girls mixed up with the others. This was never done in this country nor in any other school. Our people and others about, are making a great disturbance and talking very angrily. This is what they say: In every country, Government and religion there are caste distinctions which no one undertakes to destroy. And as to being more pious — God Himself in the beginning chose Abraham from the nations (or castes; same word) and He divided Abraham's children into twelve tribes, giving each a separate

work to do and forbidding one tribe to mingle with another He made the Israelites higher than all other castes (nations) in the world and warned them of the dangers of mingling with other castes and so it is God who established caste differences.

Or if you want everyone to have a chance to study, just open a new School where low caste girls can study without any trouble fault, disturbance of mind, shame or fear.

Why has this particular Amma taken it upon herself maliciously to mix up Vellalas and Pallas and to carry out such a violent program? Now are asking this. Some wished to send their daughters to school this year, but now they are suffering hardships and it

looks as if they meant to make us suffer some too. When our child learns Udvir and comes home, the dhobies probably will not do our washing.

Further some say: When Mr. Kanagaratnampillai (Mr. Ratnam?) a Tamil gentleman, married an Amma did not your civilized communities cast her off? This being the case, why do you disturb caste among us?

In view of all these difficulties I ask you to please put all the palla, nallatta & pariah girls into a new School where high caste girls do not study

it is that our. I should be to lessen the cruelty at Udvir during the rid year & a half. For I have alleged & send away this. This

Rec'd OCT 9 1905 235.

Ans'd NOV 29 1905

Uruvarden, Ceylon
Sept. 8, 1905

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

You may like to hear that one of our Uduvil English School girls has again won that Cheshab-Chunder Sen Prize as being the first of the girl candidates in the Calcutta University Entrance examination from India, Burma and Ceylon. In connection with this I want to point out how unfortunate it is that our Board should have to lessen the force at Uduvil — as during the past year & a half — for I have been obliged to send away this

very girl, Emily Hitchcock, to a Church Mission School to continue her studies. This was simply because I could not manage, single-handed, the legitimate work of both Vernacular and English as well as Normal Training Schools. A very promising student, always an inspiration to other girls, is this last to our school.

A term, in many ways very successful and happy, has just closed for the Udumiri Schools. It has certainly indicated, tho' not yet proved, that the two Mission schools can be effectively carried on together, with a great saving in the time of the missionaries. I believe that one missionary family and one single lady at Udumiri could do more for Christian education than two single ladies at Udumiri & the family at Udupidichi. This

is only my own opinion but if it were correct, we might be able to set free one or more missionaries for evangelistic work - which to all our minds is the crying need of our Mission work.

We have been long hoping to have definite news of Miss Rowland's return. Surely I need not say how urgently she is needed in this newly difficult situation at Ichowfu: My English assistant is also gone and I shall be alone now till Miss Rowland may come.

Where is our Nurse? We congratulate Mr. Hume but — we want a nurse. It is a great pity to see the splendid plant at Ichowfu all unused.

With cordial regards.

Sincerely Yours
Julia D. Root.

Rec'd FEB 5 1906

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Udumil, Ceylon
Jan. 8, 1906.

Rev. Jas. L. Barton D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

The news of Miss Green's appointment is most cheering. It is an answer to many prayers. I trust her coming may be just the help we have so urgently needed.

Miss Dwindland's return is almost an old story now. She received a very hearty welcome all around, and the work begins to feel the advantage of her taking hold.

Helen S. Root
Transcribe
Ceylon
Sept. 8-1905.

To my mind there is no reason why with Miss Green to join us, we should not carry on the two Boarding Schools together, as this year, and still leave one of the three free for evangelistic work - especially among and through our old pupils.

I am not sure it will be any saving of money - but unquestionably it is a saving of time, nor do I think yet there is any loss of efficiency. The question is now whether

[illegible] to move our [illegible] etc. [illegible] to join [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

we can get into Udaipur School these little girls from the day schools twenty miles away who would naturally have gone to Udaipur when the School was there. It seems necessary at least to go on at Udaipur for another year, unless we hear within three months that Mr. & Mrs. Bickwell are to come at once to the Mission.

With very kind regards

Yours sincerely

Helen I. Roop.

Helen I. Root

Uduvil, Ceylon. Jan. 8-1906.

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Port Byron, N
Aug. 15, 1907

n. F. Bell,
A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

r Mr. Bell:

Many thanks for your
dly forwarding the vote of
lan Mission regarding my retu
s my own most earnest w
o back if than shall seem
ily God will.
Meanwhile we are all hopin
that the long-awaited fa
oon to go out.
With cordial good wishes,
Sincerely yours,
Helen L. Root.

Rev. J. B. Scott, M.D.

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Dear Dr Barton

I enclose a series of copies of letters which were called forth in response to a request by Miss Leitch. That some expression should be given to our assurance a certain lady - Miss Marston of London Eng - who had promised a legacy, to the general medical work. That this work of this medical mission was carried on in a satisfactory way. It may interest you to read or glance over some of the letters written as they are by

representative men of different Churches - Protestant & Roman Catholic and also by non-Christians who are in sympathy with us.

When you have read this and made of this any use, you may see fit - please pass this on to Miss Leech

We have entered the New Year. I hope soon to send you a brief sketch of what we have done in 1899.

We hope that 1900 may see still greater blessings poured out upon us by the

gracious hand of our loving father.

With best wishes for this new year for you and yours and for our loved American Board.

Yours in this service

J. B. Scott

Rev. J. B. Scott, M. D.

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Jaffna

Feb. 1st 1900

Dear Dr. Barton.

I enclose a letter to Mr W. Hall whom you think we might write to even before we hear from him. — I have laid your letter so carefully away that I cannot lay my hand on it and so send the letter thro' you. You are at liberty to look it over if you care to. —

I shall be pleased to write to Mr Dickson soon — We are very happy that he is appointed and may come soon —

I am preparing a letter also for Mr Liscomb who has so long

Office in Cincinnati, we shall be the hospital Mission Board in the East or West. North or South: very sincerely yours J. B. Scott

helped one of our girls schools in memory of her daughter "Hattie".

Dr Daniels has asked me to write. I did so last year & sent it thro Mr Hardland but never got a reply. I wonder if you feel the effect of writing to people and getting no replies. If you do, my ears ought to be singing continually.

I have been appointed Secretary of the Jaffna Mission so you may hear more from me than you will care to in the course of the year.

I am also entrusted with the compiling of our report and I

hope to get a copy to you before it is too late to be of any interest—

I propose also this year to make a photograph album of all parts of my district to be the property of the Board but put at the disposal of Mr Hall (or his successor if he should preside here of us) Do you think it would be of interest and worth the expense of preparing?

We will look forward to going to the Hills in May. It would be better earlier but domestic affairs prevent us planning for an earlier vacation. —— My letter is not complete without an expression

of our unbounded delight in our
new missionaries — Mr & Mrs
Brown are taking hold of the
Situation very readily heartily and
sensibly — They will soon be alone
at Udupitty as Mr & Mrs Hastings
go to Batticotta within a fortnight.
Miss Root seems most charmingly
fitted to be an associate with Miss
Hordland. The more we see of her the
more we admire her and appreciate
the choice of the Board. Miss (Dr)
Spencer will be able fulfil all
the expectations of the Committee.
We have nothing but praise for her
and hope much from her work
All are diligently engaged in Study
We have tried to impress them with
its prime importance and we are trying
to bear our burdens a little longer that
they may be able to work at Tamil

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Kodaikanal So India.
June. 29th 1900

Rev J L Barton DD.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Boston

Dear Dr Barton

It is with some hesitation I take up the duties of secretary of the Jaffna mission. Since Mr Hastings' last official letter to you, little of importance has taken place in our circle, and I do not know how far I am justified in taking up your time and attention with the unimportant details of our work.

In the latter part of February, Rev. E P Hollon and family left us for Madura en route for America. Long ere this, they have doubtless reached home.

At the same time, Miss S R Howland and Dr J H Carr went to Kodaikanal for a sort vacation. Miss Howland returned in the latter part of April, while Dr Carr remained at Kodai thro. May. Both were very much benefitted by the change and rest.

In the latter part of April, Mr Hastings and two children left Jaffna for America. The two children had a short illness while in Colombo, but were quite better and able to embark on the ocean-going steamer May 8th. Rev R O Hastings accompanied them to Colombo, and it was a disappointment to us all that he was not able to proceed to America with them. In the seven years that have elapsed since his return to Jaffna, the two

the two elder children, left in America, have almost grown to womanhood. A family reunion at this time would have been very desirable.

On March 28th our mission circle was increased by the birth of a son - Percy Beckett Scott, to us. On May 14th we left Jaffna for Kodai for a two months' vacation, the first out of Jaffna for three years. Mr Young kindly consented to reside at Manepay in our absence and take supervision of the General Hospital.

The semi-annual meeting of the Native Evangelical Society was held at Oodooville in May. A large number of our Christian people assembled and listened to the very inspiring and helpful addresses with much enthusiasm.

By last mail your letter of May the 14th came to hand. We note your instructions re "refit" for missionaries returning to America. We acknowledge gratefully the allowance to Mrs Hastings and children, and to Mr Hutton and family. If such allowance were withheld it would indeed be a hardship to us. Our climate requires us to use only the lightest of clothing. But to return to America we require to make an entirely new outfit of heavier clothing. When at the request of the Prudential Committee some years ago salaries were adjusted to "cover all living expenses", this item was not included, nor do I recall any explicit reference to "refit" for returning missionaries. The custom long followed of giving a grant for such expenses at the time of furlough was still adhered to. The allowances were not planned to allow for that. Probably this was our mistake. However, we believe that the recommendation of the Finance

Committee to consider individual claims will fairly meet the need. If it be deemed prudent to avoid such requests, the salary allowances can be re-arranged to suit the new regulations.

It is with great pleasure we await the arrival of Mr & Mrs Dickson. As you say, after the recently arrived additions to our Mission have acquired a working knowledge of Tamil, we hope to have force sufficient to resume aggressive work. We note the high terms in which you commend them to us and judging from our recent experiences we have not the slightest fear of disappointment. With regard to one sentence in your letter, I wish to make the following note. "He - Mr Dickson - understands that the work he does is under the direction of the Mission". If this refers to the Industrial School, are we to take this as the official statement of the acceptance by Mr Smith of the conditions we named when we proposed to take the supervision of the Ind. School? Has the debt on the school been cleared? Has Mr Smith made provision for that with the Board? In a recent letter he indirectly hinted that the mission ought to assume the responsibility for it. The property is ceded to the Mission; But the plant etc. ought to be officially transferred to the Mission also. Shall we accept the statement contained in your letter to mean that all has been satisfactorily arranged between Mr Smith and the Board, and may we feel quite free to give Mr Dickson all the support necessary to carry on the school? We are particularly pleased that he comes prepared to take his place in the Mission on equal footing with us all.

We are deeply indebted to the Madura Mission for loan of Mr Hallon to our Mission. He has been bar able to keep the Ind. Sch in existence, owing to lack of fa to undertake work; but had he not given it his wors it would have been in a much worse condition than it is. Moreover, Mr Hallon gave his hearty support to all Mission matters and we are indeed thankful for the as ance which tided us over a very difficult crisis.

Reference was doubtless made last year to formation of a Foreign Missionary Society in Jaffna. The f Missionary - Ittekunalamby - has been chosen. He is a B.A., a of one of our older teachers in Jaffna College, and he himself junior teacher in the same College. He was married in Ap to Eliza Agnew, who for nearly seven years has been Mr Scott's assistant in the medical work, and latterly Head Nurse in the General Hospital. Both are eminently fitted f this new work. As the first Annual Meeting of the Society be held in July further details of the scope of the Soci will be given later - We hope to forward the Mission Report for 1899 very soon -

Thos. B. Scott, M.D.
Kodaikanal, June 21, 1900

We regret to learn that Mr Smith is apparently not improving so rapidly of late. We hope to hear better news soon, and we trust that he may be yet spare some years to the work of the Lord. When we were leaving America, Dr Clarke showed us a letter from one of the mission aries in Jaffna with the remark that it was "too profuse" of we will too fully - one word of remonstrance will be suffi ent.

With our best wishes for the success of the work Home, We remain .. Yours in His Service

Thos B Scott
Sec. A.B.M. - Jaffna -

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Kodaikanal So India
Jany 25. 1900

Dear Dr Daniels

I enclose a report of the Hattie Liscomb School which you will kindly forward to Mrs Liscomb who so liberally supports the school As you suggested I wrote a report last year and forwarded it thro Mrs S W Howland. I expect it was received but we have not heard. Will you please give me Mrs Liscomb's address that we may correspond with her directly- We have just received notice from the Treasurer that she has again paid in Rupees forty for the support of the school for the coming year. Were it not for this help we would be forced to disband the school. You will

see by this report that good work is being done -

I propose to have a photo of this school taken - showing the teachers and children and surroundings -

We are having a house built for the station catechist in the same Compound and when this is finished the school will probably prosper still better than it does - by more direct supervision.

As the building is being erected by local subscriptions it goes on only very slowly but we expect it will be completed in a short time - Subscriptions are usually slow in being paid and in a Tamil Community there is no exception to the rule

I shall take pleasure in sending this photo to Mrs Liscombe. Can you find out for me how long Mrs L. was supporting this school thro. Mrs. Howland? It was put in my charge in 1894. but I would like to have a record of the length of time it has been supported —

Pardon me for the liberti I have taken in sending this letter thro you and thus taking up your valuable time.

Yours in His Service

Thos B. Scott

Address

Manepay

Jaffna

Ceylon

P.S. We are taking a little vacation on the Hills. in So India - T.B.S.

Rev. T. B. Scott

Kodikanal, June 25th 1900

Rev. T. B. Scott

Kodai.

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Dear Dr Barton.

Will you please forward this letter to Mr Hale.

We are enjoying and profiting by this vacation on this delightful hills.

Our little Son was born with a double thumb on his left hand. We had it, the extra finger removed under chloroform last month by Dr A Fello of the Travancore L.M.S. Mission. Assisted by Dr Campbell of the same mission. The wound healed perfectly within a week and the deformity will now be very slight. We are very glad to be able to get such skilful aid here - and praise God. That it has been so successful. Our little daughter is growing strong and we hope she will get free from

the malaria which has troubled me frequently last year —

with best wishes.

Yours Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott

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Jaffnapatnam
Kodaikanal
July 24th 1900

Dear Dr Barton

I am sending you by post to-day an extract from our Jaffna Mission Report. which you will please forward to Mr Hale - I have taken from the report only that portion which concerns work immediately under my personal supervision. The whole Report was forwarded to Jaffna for approval & is forwarded to you. I expect that it is late but I was delayed unavoidably by having to wait till July for "straw" - We have passed a mission boli requiring all materials, "straw", to be in the hand of the Compiler not later than Jan. so you may hope for better things in the future

tho we are still enjoying our vacation. I have heard that Mr & Mrs Dickson have arrived in Jaffna. but you have doubtless heard directly from them and others in Jaffna —. If any part of this should precede the general report you are certainly welcome to make what use you wish of it. before forwarding to Mr Hale

Yours Sincerely
Thos B. Scott

MAR 12 1901
MAR 15 1901

Manepay. Jaffna Ceylon
Feb 1st 1901 –

Rev J L Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

Your recent letters of Nov 26th & 28th to hand. I am sorry to say that they remain un-answered but as they mainly dealt with appropriations, I waited till we should hold our Annual meeting before referring to the special points touched upon.

The Treasurer has sent his statement of accounts which we trust you will find entirely satisfactory. You will doubtless remember that in 1899 we overran about Rs 21.00. This after we had done everything possible to economize, and had obtained all the help we could from the local Christian Community.

In answer to our statement of accounts we received the reply that it was expected that we would make up the deficit in 1900. You will see by our report that we have practically done so, but with what loss to our work we may never tell. Not that the loss of rupees twenty is so serious a matter, but the constant refrain "Mission is short of funds" produces a bad effect upon our work and workers. To do this one year is one thing but to repeat it after the

Kodaikanal, July 24, 1900

Christian community has come to our aid not once but repeatedly, has the effect of stifling the desire for self-support we so much wish to develop. We are pushing self-support on our people too fast and it seems to me already we see signs of reaction. Our Christians have nobly come forward to our assistance. Let us not take too much advantage of it. We have faithfully endeavored as a mission to encourage it. We have honestly tried to meet the requests of the Board, but it begins to appear that the more strongly we try to keep within our appropriations, the more it is argued that we may be pressed still further.

Our estimates for 1907 were prepared on the most economical basis possible. It was pointed out the increase asked for was partly due to the necessity of employing men to teach Tamil to the six newly appointed missionaries. The ~~three~~ four men we needed extra for this work led us to ask the moderate sum of Rs 786. or $5.50 per month for each teacher. It will be apparent to you that for this we could not appeal to our Christian community for help. We await the reply. Meantime we are reminded by the secretary that the Board wishes the new missionaries to appreciate the importance of rapidly and thoroughly learning Tamil. We heartily agree with this, and to obtain the best results seek to obtain the services of capable

teachers, (utilizing at the same time wherever possible our employed teachers). The reply comes.. Our appropriations are voted "the same as last year" - without the slightest provision for this new demand. Is it strange if our new missionaries say. "The Board does not really care whether we learn Tamil or not". What are we to do? Will you please tell us what you proposed we should do when you refused to make the grant? Shall we turn away our Tamil pundits and cripple for life those who have come to give the best years of their lives to the work? No! We cannot do it. We must retain them. If we overrun our appropriations we do so only for perfectly justifiable reasons —

We cannot now venture to enter upon new work which the development of the province lays at our door. We shall be glad if the Roman Catholics, already strong in the locality, do not completely block us out for all the future.

In your letter of Oct 6. you expressed the hope that you would be able to secure as a grant for our much needed Theological Class.- But it was not to be. We thank you for the hope expressed. We deplore the ultimate enforced refusal. Meantime we vote that pastors who have the help of catechists denied them, and missionaries who are supposed to be learning Tamil (without pundits) shall "do what they can" to direct the reading

of three or four young men whom we desire to see trained for the ministry. We cannot expect to accomplish much but it is our only "door of hope". We referred in our letter to the appeal we were making to our churches for help in this matter. Probably we should not have mentioned this. Very little has come of it. Rupees twelve have been paid in by one of our catechists. Some churches have signified their willingness to do a little. Others say "we regret that we cannot help".

The Annual Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Association was held at Tillipally on Jan 3rd 1907. The yearly returns will be sent in a few days. The admissions to the church on profession of faith were but eighty (80). Year by year there is an ebb and flow. Last year we reached 136. This year we have fallen far back. No one special reason can be ascribed. There has been no marked falling off in particular churches, but a little from each. Of special importance in this meeting was a paper by one of our pastors on "the Ministry". It was a severe and somewhat exaggerated commentary on our present position. The burden of it was that the pastors were <u>underpaid</u>, and were not given the privileges in the American Mission that are given to their brethren in the pastorate in sister missions working in Jaffna. The privileges claimed are, <u>free</u> house, <u>free</u> tuition for their children, and <u>free</u> medical care and treatment.

It was strongly urged that unless these errors were corrected we might appeal for educated young men to come forward to enter the ministry but the appeal would be in vain. Moreover the paper was a strong protest against our present church polity. On the conclusion of the paper, the first to speak was an old pastor who said "the sentiments of this paper are wholly contrary to the congregational church polity". Some discussion followed but it was found that the matter was so important that it required more careful study. A committee of seven (7) pastors and three (3) laymen was appointed to meet the missionaries to discuss the question and to discover if it were possible to remove the causes of dissatisfaction or prudent to modify our present polity. This committee has been called to meet on Feb. 13th. We have sent out to each member of the committee these leading questions. 1st Is it desirable to form an association of our ~~pastors~~ churches having legislative power? 2nd To what extent shall such an association exercise authority over (A) the churches (B) the Pastorate. Cf. 1st Training of pastors. 2nd Location and changes of pastors. 3rd Salaries of pastors. I will take pleasure in informing you of the results of our conference and will send a copy of the paper

referred to

With reference to your letter re the return of Mrs Smith to Jaffna, I have much pleasure in expressing the voli of the Mission. "When we consider that the need of workers is so much greater in other fields than in ours, we would not have felt justified in asking for an additional new worker. But we are much gratified that Mrs Smith is willing and desirous to return to the field where she spent so many years of fruitful service. There is ample opportunity for her to use all her strength among the women of Jaffna. If the Board is willing to send her back and to supply the extra funds that will be needed in the prosecution of her work we are prepared to offer a most cordial and hearty welcome." – Rev J.H. Dickson has been voted in charge of the station work of Tillipally and Panditeripp stations. We would gladly have given him more time for study, but we have been forced to do this by reason of the pressure of the work on Rev R.B. Hastings who has had charge of these stations since Mr Stoltz left. Mr Dickson is studying the Industrial School problem, and has formed the opinion that he can best help the general work at present by special attention to the printing of school books etc rather than in

carpentry etc. The development of these branches may come later.

Miss Root has been appointed Associate Principal of Oodoville Female Seminary with special charge of the English Department for this year. She has prepared herself for the first examination in Tamil and has passed "with distinction." I may mention that the syllabus of study followed is one prepared by the South India Missionary Conference. +

Dr A. Young has been appointed Associate Physician at Inuvil with special charge of the Chavakachery dispensary.

Among the station reports read at the annual meeting was a report of the Bible Women's Conference held at Oodoville in the early part of August. It was a most interesting report and confirmed by references in the individual reports of the Bible Women as to the spiritual uplift of the conference had been to them. It was proposed to hold another conference this year but it seemed best to limit it to one day for the Bible women to meet the Deputation. We look forward with great eagerness to the proposed visit but the seriousness of the problems before us is such that we cannot be satisfied unless you are a member of the deputation.

x Not less than 60% on any subject is required "pass" with distinction

We would almost fear a deputation if you are not one of the number. We trust you will soon be able to fix a date for the visit that we may have ample time to plan the best methods of showing you all the various branches of our work. Do not think of giving us one day less than one month in Jaffna.

The appointment of officers for the year calls for little change. Rev J H Dickson was appointed chairman of the mission and Dr J H Carr was put on the committee of Girls' Boarding schools in place of Mrs Scott. - Rev R B Hocking is Treasurer and Rev T B Scott acting Secretary as last year.

With the hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you ere long.

I remain

Yours Sincerely

T B Scott

Sec. A. C. M.

Rev. T. B. Scott, Jaffna, Feb. 1st, 1901

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Manepay.
Feb. 21. 1901

To Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton –

Herewith I send you the statistical return for our churches for 1900 –

I have no unanswered letter of yours I believe. We are anxiously awaiting your intimation of the date of your visit to Jaffna. Mr Hastings showed me a private letter in which you ask whether or not a later date could not be fixed to better advantage. I speaking as an individual think the best possible time was chosen for all three missions concerned. We have avoided asking you to come at the very hottest time of the year. The season chosen for Jaffna is not severe. Though a month or two here or there would affect us little. But if you come two later I fear that you might be seriously hampered in your visit to the Madura Mission. I am sorry we cannot guarantee you cool as well as "spicy breezes" but we will do the best to have you enjoy your visit as well as profit yourself & us.

Yours Sincerely J B Smith
Sec A.B.C.M.

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Manepay, Jaffna Ceylon.
Mar. 6th 1901

To Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton.

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the statistics for the year 1900 showing growth in membership and benevolences. etc –

We had hoped to hear from you by this time a definite statement of the date of your visit to Jaffna. We are looking for you in June, and hope we will not be disappointed –

Miss Root has gone to Kodai for a change. None of the rest of the mission expect to leave Jaffna this year. The plague regulations restricting communication with India make it much more difficult than formerly for us to go to Kodai. These restrictions will soon be removed we hope. and moreover a line of Railway under construction in the Madura dist will make a very easy and direct route for us. This will probably be

opened within two or three years. —

I have no unanswered letter from you

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Yours Sincerely

J B Scott

Sec A.B.C.M.

Boston, Oct 6, 1909.

Manepay, Jaffna Ceylon
Mar 26. 1907.

To Rev J.L. Barton D.D.
Sec. Board of Trustees of Foreign Fund of Jaffna College

Dear Dr Barton:-

I am instructed by the Directors of Jaffna College to lay before you the following statement.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held at Batticotta Mar. 23rd 1907. the question of a Union College was taken up and thoroughly discussed. As you are probably aware the Misses Leitch had previously sent letters to members of the Board of Directors making certain arguments for Union. It appeared to the Directors from these letters, as well as from your letter to the Principal Rev R.B. Hastings, that there was some misconception as to the true condition of affairs in Jaffna, with regard to educational institutions. First.- As to the word "College."- The loose way in which this is applied to institutions of learning in the East, creates wrong impressions in the minds of Americans or Europeans.- There are five institutions in Jaffna called "Colleges". The C.M.S.

school is known as St John's College - It prepares boys for the Entrance or Matriculation examination of Calcutta University. A year or two ago it had a class beyond this but this has been dropped, whether temporarily or permanently, I do not know. In this school they have classes from the lowest primary or A.B.C. standard. The highest corresponds to VIII standard - Is that what we understand by a College? Would it not rather be called a High School with a primary department? - It has an European principal. "Victoria College" is an institution doing similar work professedly non-sectarian but in reality Civil - It has an East Indian as principal, but no Europeans on the staff. "Central College" is the Wesleyan institution. They say they have four hundred students on their roll. But like the above-named they have scholars in all the primary classes. They prepare for Matriculation, and what is known as the Cambridge Junior and Senior Local ~~institutions~~ examinations. In addition they prepare a few boys for F.A. or First in Arts - That is half of the course leading to the degree of B.A. - They have an English Principal and are, I learn, sending

out an additional teacher as Professor in Science. They have this twelve or fifteen boys some of whom are teachers or tutors in what are ~~to be~~ really ~~known as~~ considered College Classes with lower classes also. "Hindu College" does similar work, to Central College though not quite as efficiently - "St Patricks College" is the Roman Catholic institution doing almost the same grade of work but with English or European Professors.

"Jaffna College" - has as its lowest class boys of a standard one grade lower than Matriculation - or its lowest standard would be the VII where VIII corresponds to Matriculation. In addition we have Classes for F.A. who are bone fide students and also B.A. classes. This is the only institution that has B.A. classes or the only first grade College in Jaffna. Occasionally some of the ~~other~~ teachers of other institutions studying privately appear for the B.A. examination - But from the Manepay English School one of the teachers appeared for the B.A. examination. Does this make it ~~too~~ a College? - Jaffna College has a Charter and a regularly appointed Board of Directors - with ~~other~~ two Foreign Professors

and an American Principal - The Board of Directors was formed - of representatives of the three Protestant Missions - Later the Missionary of the Wesleyan Society withdrew but still two members of the Tamil Wesleyan Church are on the Board - The C.M.S. are represented by a Missionary and a Tamil - This is to all intents and purposes a Union College. After the formation of Jaffna College, the Wesleyans and C.M.S. have developed their high Schools to the present status -

Now Miss Leitch asks a Union of the three Protestant Colleges - so called - or a Union of the three Missions for higher educational work - Does it not appear to you that Jaffna College is constituted to do that work? Has the development of these separate institutions changed the constitution of Jaffna College? Not one whit - It is true however that the growth of these other Colleges (shall we say) has drawn away a portion of the students who ~~wch~~ would naturally be expected to study in the College Classes of Jaffna College - If by some means an ~~consolidation~~ amalgamation of these higher classes could be arranged it would

please us all - You ask for the opinion of the Directors re. Union College. - Of the fifteen directors who were present at the meeting the following is a summary of their opinions -

1st We are a Union College - Let us bring the other Colleges to join with us. Let us make what concessions we can - Let us even move to a central location, some will say, if thereby we can bring about an amalgamation.

2nd Some have said - The union of Divinity schools or theological classes is unapproachable We may have to concede even our high standard of Christian instruction if we go for Union - It is not to be expected that Union will result in harmonious working of the three missions and we will thereby lose what amity we now enjoy.

3rd We must unite only with our present constitution - To change the constitution of the Directorate would be a backward step -

4th One only expressed an unconditional desire for Union. and it is probable that even terms he would propose would hardly be accepted.

From the discussion it appeared that the Directors were not prepared to

initiate a movement for Union whilst all realized that if buildings are erected for this or other educational institutions on any large scale further talk of Union would be useless.

Jaffna College was established by the Tamil people and they are justly proud of it. It would be unwise to disturb the college unnecessarily. Self Support and self government is what we are aiming at. To take any step that would put the whole control of our Educational work in the hands of foreigners is not what mission boards are desiring. On the contrary we look forward to the establishment of a strong Christian Community capable of carrying on all the work that is necessary to its growth and best development.

In interviewing the Secretaries of the W.M.S. & C.M.S. in England you will not overlook the fact which Miss Leitch has temporarily overlooked that Jaffna College is not the Educational institution of the American Mission, but it is a Union College governed by a Board of

of Directors composed of Tamil Christian Gentlemen and missionary representatives of the three Protestant missionary bodies at work in Jaffna

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Yours Sincerely

J B Scott

Sec. Board of Directors

Manepay Jaffna
Ceylon. Apr. 26. 1907

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

Lest you may not have received the letter sent to Marseilles, let me repeat that to Mr Barton, Dr Loba, Mr Hitchcock, Dr Davis, (if he has come) and yourself, we offer a most hearty welcome. May you have a very pleasant voyage. We look forward with very great pleasure to your coming. We hope you will be able to see us "as others see us" but better than this "as we are". We wish you see what has been done what is being done, but to see it in proportion to what remains yet to be accomplished. The latter particularly that you may be able to grapple with our problems as we see them and help us solve them.

We have prepared a program for the days you are here - which we send you. Will you please send us your instructions that we may prepare for you. May I not say this day will you bring them and we will do what we can to meet your wishes. With best wishes

Yours Most Cordially J. B. Scott

Programme

Land at Kangesanturai at 8 or 10 P.M —

Next day - find ~~Sea~~ land legs —

2 days seeing Ordoville & Inuvill and meeting Missionaries & Christians of that station - Sunday preaching

2 days at Manipay seeing station - churches schools & Medical Work

3 days at Batt[a] seeing station churches Jaffna College & Annual Meeting of Home Missionary Society.

3 days at Pilly. seeing station Industrial School Training School. villages Schools & preaching in various Churches

1. day to see ~~[illegible]~~ Wesleyan Mission & Church Missionary Work in Jaffna -

3 days Chavakacheri & Adupitty Stations villages churches boarding School & preaching -

Mon - Business Sessions. -

1st day. our Churches - & Theological Class -

2nd day Boarding Schools & Bible Women

3rd - Village Schools - Training of Teachers

4th - Medical Work - & Industrial Work

5th Jaffna College & Union College

6th Mission Property - Mission Committee & unfinished business -

7th Ecclesiastical Meeting.

If you land in Colombo early on June 5th you will probably find a steamer leaving that same afternoon 2pm for Jaffna. You may wish to transship without delay.

It is expected that there will be another steamer on the 8th but of these dates we cannot be certain now.

Some of you may prefer to come up by Coach a tedious journey but for those who find the sea a bad mariner - it may be preferable -

The trip from ~~Jaff~~ Colombo to Jaffna by small steamer is usually well "lumpy" at this season you are coming as the SW Monsoon is on - It is only about 16 hours however of this and this quiet for the remaining 10 or 12 hrs

The land route gives the privilege of ~~stopping~~ seeing our beautiful scenery and visiting the buried Cities Anuradhapura etc - of this more particularly in Colombo - Only be ready to act quickly if you wish to catch the steamer of the same day leaving Colombo.

Yours Cordially

J. B. Scott

Sec A.B.M.

Miane Bay - Jaffna
Ceylon Apr. 26. 1907

To Dr J. L. Barton

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter came to hand last Evg. announcing your proposal to start from Boston - Apr 27. to morrow - This makes it quite impossibl to write to you in London and doubtful in Marseilles.. I send this only as a venture.

Please extend to Dr Loba, Mr Whittemore, Dr Davis, (if he has come), Mr Barton, and self our very hearty welcome - We look forward with great pleasure to your coming. We hope for great things from your visit both for the immediate future, and for the next half century, - for is not this a Semi-centennial visit - We are praying that you may be able to see us and our people as we are. We wish you to appreciate what has been accomplished, but not out of proportion to that which remains to be done. We believe you come in fullest sympathy with us. We receive you with open hearts. You will do us good.

We have prepared a programme to cover most of the time of your stay.. You probably have

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plans for your visit We trust you may stay long enough to accomplish all. Some of our problems are very very difficult and perplexing but we hope you will be able to help us in them.

We shall send you a copy of our plan to Port Said, and shall expect you to send us any instructions necessary for the carrying out of your plans.

I remain
Yours Cordially
J. B. Scott.

Dr. Scott
10-29-01

Dr. Scott 250.

Manepay
Jaffna
July 22nd 1957

Dear Mr Barton

Your telegram was an an enigma to us. "Dandy! try deputation weather" — we construed it to mean you had a dandy sail, with not too much speed and no whirr of the wheels goin' round; that when you landed in Negapatam you needed a doctor who would prescribe a cooling draught of deputation weather. Nega^m is hot. I know it. So is Madura unless you have

carried a little of this Jaffna breezes along with you —

Well, your letter has come and brought a breeze with it; So you still have some to spare. Don't be too lavish

We have the pleasant memories to cheer us as we rest. You will have them to help you as you work

You have done us not a little good. The churches feel the better for your helpful sym-pathetic words.

I have forwarded you two copies of the "Pictur". I am sorry the elephants did not come out. Let it suffice to you the elephantine problems which you found to tackle with the sober solemn faces which you found when you came as we remembered the other deputation. The other is the happy contented people you left all the elephants but out of sight. Mr Lawton has numbered them wrong. -

The School Picture was not a success. It is difficult to get far enough back to get it at a good angle. I send on what

he got. If he can do better
later, I will favour you w
another. I hope this may
of some use to you tho I
rather doubt it.

I hope Mrs Barton is no
feeling the heat too trying
that she is really enjoying
new sights and scenes of
land of the heavy pack.

Mr Scott joins in love to
you all. Yours Sincerely

F. B. Scott

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Manepay Jaffna Ceylon
Aug. 8th 1901

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton.

We have been favored with the long expected visit from the deputation, and have thoroughly enjoyed it, as well as profited by it. Now that we have seen the face of our loved Secretary, and now that our field and its requirements are so clearly known to him by personal observation, it will be much easier for us to write of our affairs from time to time.

The first business meeting held after the departure of the deputation, was convened at Inuvil on Friday Aug. 2nd. The chief business before us was the making out of our estimates for 1902, a detailed account of which is herewith forwarded to you.

We had before us your letter of Mar. 22nd, 1901, in which you gave us some instructions about our estimates. These instructions were summarized in one sentence. "Let the estimates be made as if there were funds sufficient to meet them, the need being capable of clear demonstration

and having the approval of the mission". Altho. this gave us reason for asking more largely than we have hitherto done, we have not increased our estimates by any large amount. We have kept before us our aim to induce our native christians to contribute what they were able, and we have asked only what is absolutely necessary to maintain the work. We trust it will be granted us in full. We shall draw attention to the various changes in the estimates from those of last year.-

Salaries

Last year our estimates for language teachers for missionaries was by oversight not granted. We were subsequently informed that we had not made this new and necessary expenditure plain in the estimates - Under date of Mar. 15: '01 you write us, "These items (teachers for missionaries) should have been attached to the salaries of the missionaries". This is quite contrary to our previous instructions. Let me refer you to the printed "sample sheet for estimates" furnished us by the Board. Under the head "Miscellaneous", we are definitely instructed to include among other items "teachers for missionaries". By this, we

were governed. We have, however, in this year's estimates been guided by your letter of Mar 15.'01 and have included this item with salaries. You will see that for Rev G.G. Brown and Mrs Brown, Rev J.H. Dickson, and Mrs Dickson, Miss H.I. Root, and Miss A. Young. M.D. we have added to their personal allowances the amounts we have estimated as necessary to furnish them with adequate help in learning the language. We hope this arrangement will meet with your approval.-

Native Agency.

We have increased our estimate over last year by Rupees 144. only, or roughly speaking $50.00 The reasons for this are as follows. - A catechist on the islands, partly supported by the mission and partly by the local Y.M.C.A, has no means of obtaining even a small part of his support from the people. We have asked for him an increase of (Rs 2.) sixty five cents (a.m.) per month. or $8.00 per annum.

In the Manepay district a change in the distribution of workers in the mission made it necessary to appoint a pastor who is without a charge to one of the out-stations. This meant an increase of Rs 10. or $3.30 per month over the former assistant. Of this the Manepay Mother church

agreed to give Rs 7. or over two-thirds of the increase necessary. We agreed to pay Rs 3. per mo or Rs 24. (£8) per year. Could we ask for more help from the church? Within the past ten (10) years this church decreased its the amount received from the mission from Rs 54. to Rs 10 per month, while in the same time the church membership has increased from 143 to 160 only. This is a good record for growth in benevolences, and besides this there has been very marked increase for other local objects. Our other churches have similarly increased their gifts. We have pressed them as far as we were able. In the Ooduvilla Dist. the grant asked for a new catechist is not for new work but for a new worker to replace one who has "gone home". Similarly in the Tillipally district one of our workers has died but to continue his work we ask a continuan of the grant. For the other helpers in Tillipally dis we do not ask more than last year. We urgently request that these be granted us. The opening of a railroad with its terminus in this district has developed new possibilities. It is very desirab that we place at this point a competent man to develop the work. We cannot afford to neglect

the opportunity. The Roman Catholics have already a strong force on the spot. To defer the appointment of a new man is to lose the field. At Chavagacherry we require a large force of helpers, partly because the field is large, and partly because we have no resident missionary at that station. We ask an increase of Rs 84. or $28., for this reason. At one church we have been able to ask the people to relieve us of payment of Rs 36 for annuni, but in another, the resignation of the pastor has led to less efficient work in the field and consequent loss of income from the church. To maintain the work, we ask the sum of Rupees Rs 48 forty eight in addition to the Rs 36. saved from the other church. At one point in the same field we ask an increase of Rs 36. or $12. This is for an outlying district where it is very difficult to get a worker to go. At the same time the people of the neighborhood are not able to give more assistance. May I repeat that the whole increase asked for our Evangelistic work is but $48. – We trust this will be granted.

Educational Work:—

We make an estimate of Rs 1905 (or $635) for our village schools, for the following reasons.

1st We believe that our village schools offer us

the very largest opportunity for evangelical educational work. The deputation was profound impressed with this "open door" for work. We have 10,531 children in our village schools, to whom we have perfect freedom to teach and to preach Jesus Christ.

2nd With the exception of a very small grant from the Woman's Board, these schools are maintained by government grants according to the success of the school, as tested by the government inspector annually. The result is that the teachers, finding their support or salary depends on the passes of their pupils, naturally give most of their attention to secular subjects. To be able to exert reasonable influence upon them to teach Bible lessons we must be able to supplement their very meagre salaries. Only thus can we attract and hold able teachers.

3rd Our buildings and apparatus are of a very inferior quality, quite inadequate to the securing of the best results.

4th Government gives us these grants as "Grant in Aid". They limit the use of the money by the mission to payment of teachers' salaries, school furniture, and free gift of books to teachers.

This leaves us without the right to use any of this grant as for making necessary repairs. The buildings are thatched with leaves. These must be renewed every second year at an average cost of from 12 to 20 rupees. If we repair with the grants from Goverment we break faith with the government. As a matter of fact we have no choice between making absolutely necessary repairs in this way, or doing it from our personal allowances. To have fewer schools helps not a whit, for the grant is made for each individual school. Occasionally a gift from friends at home helps us meet the difficulty. In this position what are we to do? Experience proves that the best results in our work come through the village schools, and educational work. Neglect the village schools and at once our colleges and boarding schools suffer loss. What are we to do? Evade the definite instructions of Govt? Already we hear rumors that the department of public instruction intends to investigate more closely the work of the schools under the American Mission. Village schools of the other missions working in Jaffna are liberally supplemented by the Boards supporting them. Shall it be said that we are not righteous in our

dealings with government? All we ask is an allowance of Rs 15. per school or $5. for each village school on the list. If you wish we will send you a list of our schools that you may ask individual churches or Sunday Schools to take up the responsibility for each school. Or shall we have liberty to appeal to our friends at home to help us? We are asked to give an account of our stewardship of Government money. To use even a little of it for making repairs is contrary to instructions. Not only is it wrong, but just in proportion as such is done, we reduce the salaries of men already too poorly paid.-

We have asked for Pillipally Training School a larger grant. We are compelled to do this from the necessity of giving better instruction to those whom we train for teachers. For some time we have felt that our Tamil teachers were not as well trained for their work as we wished. The members of the deputation encouraged us to develop the Training School at Pillipally, so as to turn out more efficient teachers. We have made one new appointment to the staff and trust you will see it possible to

give us the larger grant.

Buildings :-

The grant asked for buildings is for houses for native helpers, a necessity in each of the three districts for which help is requested. The sum is just such as you granted us last year. We have refrained from asking for pressing repairs in other districts that the three small sums may be granted in most needy districts.

Miscellaneous.

The various items under this head are for mission accountants writers and sundry small items for postage travelling printing etc. These are essential. At the same time we would respectfully point out that under this head we have asked for 420 Rs. less than last year. We have continued to reduce our estimates to the lowest possible working basis. We earnestly beg you to grant them in full.

Work of the Womans Board.

Native Agency

The amount asked for Bible women is less than that asked last year by Rs 178 or £59. + this is accounted for as follows. In the Batticaloa field we have asked for one new Bible woman for the station, whose chief duty it will be to accompany Mrs Hastings in village work, preparing for, and assisting in meetings held in village homes. In the Manepay field, Mrs Saravanamuthu is discontinued because she has ceased to be an efficient worker, and we deem it advisable for her to retire. Mrs Paranchothy has been replaced by Mrs Solomon. The former was appointed for one year, but it does not seem wise to continue the appointment. - We have not asked to have new women appointed chiefly because we have no suitable candidates available.

In the Oodooville field we have the same number of women but one of the very old women has been replaced by a younger one. For some time owing to age and infirmity of mind, the former (Mrs Mary Smith John) has not been able to do to our satisfaction what was expected of her.

A new woman is urgently needed in one of the outlying districts but the suitable person has not yet been appointed -

In the Tillipally field, we have asked for less Bible women. One, an unmarried girl, we have thought best not to continue in the work. The other Mrs Popes is discontinued from the list of Mission Bible women but will still be employed and paid by funds received from the Bible Society.

In the Udupitty field we have asked for no more Bible women. The amount asked for is somewhat increased for the following reasons. Mrs Parisporinam should be increased to Rs 4 per month.

Some time ago Mrs Susan Muttu was employed as a Bible Woman while acting as matron of the Girls' Boarding school. Subsequently she discontinued Bible woman's work and gave her whole time to the school. Now she retires from the school work, and gives her whole time to Bible work at a salary of Rs 5 per month. Mrs Solomon is discontinued and replaced by Mrs Annapillai.

In the Chavagacherry field we have asked for only three Bible women, as it was found expedient to transfer two of them to the Bible Society's funds for such work. We have

been actuated in this reduction of our force of workers partly by force of circumstance and partly by the fact that in the opinion of some of us it might be more profitable to ask for more help for our village schools for girls. While we value the work of the Bible women we find greater results follow the work done in the Boarding schools. Few of the girls leave our Boar-ing schools without becoming Christians. At the same time, we are forced to reject almost h of the candidates for admission, because they are not able to pass our entrance test from lack of thorough preparation in the village schools. It is a great sorrow to us that we must refuse those who wish to join our Boarding Schools, knowing as we do that we thus lose our most reasonable oppo-tunity of reaching them and enlisting them as followers of our Saviour Christ Jesus. With th thought we have asked for an increased gra for our ~~the~~ Village Girls' schools.

Educational Work

We have asked that the grant for Village Girls Schools be increased to 1600 Rupees.

We have 2735 girls studying in Village schoo Of these, only 1318 are studying in Girls' schoo

the remainder, or more than half the total number, are studying in mixed schools, that is, along with boys. For these, the Woman's Board has given us no help. We now beg that the same proportionate amount of help be given for these girls - We ask you to make an additional grant of Rs 800, pointing out that we ask almost Rs 200 less for other work. No work that we do is more fruitful in results that we can tabulate - We confidently expect that you will come to our aid. You will note, in the report which we send you, that we have received from the Woman's Board only less than 20 % of the outlay on the village Girls' Schools. This does not reach half of the girls now studying in our schools.

Other items of news from the field are few. With the approval of the Mission - Miss Howland and Miss Annie Young M.D. have gone to the Hills for a short rest.

It was also voted to allow Dr Scott and family to apply to the Board for leave of absence on furlough. They will have been almost 9 years on the field by

the time they leave Jaffna. It is requested that the permission of the prudential committee be granted them to leave for America in March or April of next year 1902.

Apologizing for the length of this letter, I beg leave to subscribe myself on behalf of the mission

Yours in His Service

J. B. Scott

Secretary A.B.M.M.

Rev. J. B. Scott, in Sec'y
Jaffna, Aug. 8, 1901
accompanying the estimates for 1902

Mampad.
Sept. 7. 1907

Dear Dr Barton

By the delay of the photographer, I have been long in sending you the photos you asked for. I send you by this days post. four copies of the picture of the deputation had of each kind as you requested — I send you also. ~~four~~ six copies of the deputation letter.

By this time you have surveyed the field in Madura and passed on. It would be a great pleasure to have talked with you after you looked over that

fields and heard your contrast for the two are very different We will doubtless give us the benefit of your deliberations later.

We are all enjoying good health in the mission. and we look back with great pleasure to the work you did for us. I am sure it has helped our Christian people, and we were very much encouraged by your visit.

I am sorry for you for you must be weary weary by this time with the work tho.

not fail.

I hope Dr Lobo has quite recovered of his slight indisposition by this time, and that you are all in good spirits -

Mrs Scott joins me in best wishes for Mrs Barton and yourself.

Yours Sincerely
F B Scott

P.S. Please note that the printed letter is wrapped up with the photos -
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Dr. Scott
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To J. H. Barton
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Manepay Jaffna
Sept. 16. 1901

Dear Dr Barton

As you will have noted by the minutes of last meeting forwarded you, we have permission from the mission to ask leave for furlough. We therefore respectfully beg to be allowed to proceed to America on furlough, leaving Jaffna the latter part of March (1) or early part of April. 1902 —

We have been in Jaffna eight years last June. We feel the need of the change, as we are both somewhat worn out —

I wish to make the

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further request that we be allowed
the sum that has usually been
allowed for refit on preparing for
(2) the climate of Canada so entirely
different from what we have been
required to provide for in Jaffna
Very little of the clothing we used
on leaving home will be fit for (3
use now. The outfitting of children
for a cold climate is entirely extra
to what we have provided for them
here - In the letter of the Secretary
of the Mission of last June you will
note that we were unanimously
of opinion that this allowance
was still necessary for those of us
who belong to the Ceylon Mission

If. on reaching England we find it advantageous to our work to spend a month in visiting hospitals with a view to preparing for the best possible future work, (3) will we be allowed to draw from the Board the allowance we would be entitled to in Canada after reaching home.

With best wishes for the Board's work

I remain

Yours. Obediently

F. B. Scott.

Rev. F. B. Scott, M.D.

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Mansard
Jaffna
Jan 11. 1902

Dear D. Barton

I have received the letter giving me permission to return to America on furlough. I thank you for your kind permission to spend a little time in England. Since writing I have heard from a brother Medical Missionary now on furlough in England and he as my physician advises me not to think of doing so. as it would not be a wise expenditure of time in the early part of my furlough. — Since writing for

permission to come home circumstances have arisen which make it seem advisable for us to postpone our going home on furlough for one year. and with the hearty approval of the mission I am permitted to withdraw my application for this year but prefer it to stand for one year from this viz March 1903.

We will go for two months to Uricardo our seaside bungalow for a change this year

We have carefully and prayerfully considered this step and consulted the other physicians of the mission

and this advice is that we should postpone our furlough.

I trust this will meet with the approval of the Board.

I shall write an official letter for next mail with apologies for my long silence.

We anticipate hearing from you at an early date with your impressions of us and our work after seeing the wider field of India.

Yours Most Cordially

Thos. B. Scott.

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Jaffna Ceylon
Manepay. Feb. 22nd 1902

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

Your very welcome letter announcing your arrival in Boston has just come to hand.

Immediately preceding it I received one from Dr Daniels asking for information as to the custom of the Ceylon Mission in granting refit allowance. On enquiring from the Treasurer I find that it has been the rule here to grant for each adult £12/10s.; for each child under ten years of age £14. and for each child over ten years £16. as refit allowance.

I have received Your letter with a statement that a vote had been made giving me $150. for the above named purpose. I am very grateful for this assistance. At the same time I would point out that this is just about (3/5) three-fifths of the former allowance. If we are able to show reasonable expense beyond the amount now voted you will doubtless be

willing to reconsider the present vote.
You will have received my letter asking permission to remain one year longer before taking furlough, and I confidently expect you will gladly grant ~~permission~~ my request.

We have just concluded our annual Meeting. Your letter with announcement of appropriations came just while we were in session so that we were able to act upon it, and plan our work for 1902 after auditing accounts for 1901. We regret exceedingly that you were not able to give us any help in the general work for our village schools, but in the same proportion we rejoice that the Woman's Board of Missions has given us some extra help.

In the placing of our helpers this year our chief concern was for Kangesantura. As no help had come for this, we were only able to provide for ~~this~~ this very necessary field ~~only~~ by cutting off workers elsewhere. During the year two of our catechists in the Pandiliripppo district had died. (One of these Mr Hemphill before your visit and the other Mr Ropes at the close of the year)

Instead of replacing these, we voted only a portion of the help formerly given to this field, and the remainder we devoted to the new work at Kangesanturai. We called Rev Frank Anketell from one of the out stations of the Manepay district, and filled his place by Mr Elliott from the Chavagachery district. A young man (Alfred Supramaniam) who has worked on one of the islands was called to an outlying district of the Chavagachery district, and to the island work thus left vacant, we transferred Rev H.L. Hosington from Myliddi. The district immediately adjoining Kangesanturai Myliddi and Kangesanturai will both be in the charge of Mr Frank Ankelill. We are very hopeful for Kangesanturai but for some time it will be difficult work owing to the need of buildings both for a home for the pastor and a place for meetings.

A very careful enquiry was made before the meeting about all the property held by the mission in various districts. With full information as to the average productive power of these lands now &c.

occupied by our mission helpers, we were able slightly to increase the rents in many cases. We felt impelled to do this as we found that in some districts the expense of keeping the houses and lands in good condition exceeded the rents received for the same. We were unanimous in our opinion that where possible the property should be developed so as to provide for its proper ~~man~~ up-keep without outside help.

Rents of Compounds occupied by Missionaries were adjusted with the same end in view. We voted Mr Brown permission to build a pandal in front of the Udupitty Mission house. Mr Dickson was given permission to repair his horse stable, and also the roof of the building used by the primary department of the Training School. Mr Hastings was voted a new rattan floor mat for the Batticotta House. (We are at a loss to know whether the rule calling for a report of the minutes of our meetings is intended to include such minor details of our work. Surely this would be a burden to the Secretary of the Board)

of those in the present syllabus and appointed a committee to confer with the secretary of the So India Conference and seek the introduction of these as elective subjects for examination.

We also voted certain slight changes in the present syllabus for Rev J H Dickson which would be of definite value to him in preparing school books while at the same time giving an equivalent standard for testing his knowledge of Tamil.

We have arranged for a series of special meetings to be held in each of the churches of our mission during the year. To these special meetings we shall call pastors and other workers from the neighboring churches and occasionally workers from other missions. We anticipate much blessing. Of these we shall write again.

Looking forward to your promised letter I remain

Yours Sincerely
J B Scott
(Sec. A.B.M.)

Rev J B Scott, M-in-Charge, Hosur

allowed a retiring bonus of one hundred rupees (Rs100). Dr Burlis takes his place. This change was made with a view to reducing the staff, and consequently the expense of this medical work during the absence of Dr Beath on furlough.

Owing to marked increase in the cost of food supplies during the year, it was found necessary to draw from the interest which had accrued on the endowment fund of the Oodoville Girls Boarding school to meet current expenses. To provide for the future we voted a slight increase in the rates of tuition both for the vernacular and English departments of the school. Some slight changes were made in the staff of teachers. One of the female teachers after twenty-four years of service resigned and was allowed a bonus of fifty rupees. We had the pleasure of receiving the promise of Rupees ten (Rs10) as an annual prize for the most successful student of the English department at the Calcutta Entrance examination. This was given by one of the recent graduates who

before her marriage had given gratuitous service as a teacher in the English department for upwards of a year.

The growing evil of intemperance causes us considerable alarm. In view of this we voted that we should recommend ~~to~~ our churches to use unfermented wine at the communion services and Dr Scott was instructed to obtain a supply and provide for the sale of it at the Mempay dispensary at as low a rate as possible.

The So. India Missionary Conference has adopted a plan for examination of Missionaries in the vernacular. We felt that it would be well to adopt this fixed standard and consequently some of our missionaries have taken this examination. But the difference in Tamil between Jaffna and the continent is considerable and makes the syllabus of study of less value to us than it would otherwise be. To meet this difficulty we voted to propose certain books written in Jaffna Tamil as equivalent to some

Rev R B Hastings and Mrs Hastings, Miss Howland, Miss Root, and Dr Isabel Harr were voted permission to take a vacation at Kodaikanal. Rev. G G Brown and Mrs Brown were given leave to go to Nuwara Eliya. Revs J H Dickson and F B Scott and families were permitted to take a short vacation at the Sea-side bungalow.

You will remember that it was felt that we should seek to improve the Training School for teachers at Tillipally. We have secured a new teacher through whom we have good reason to expect much help for the school. He is a fair English scholar, in addition to having a good knowledge of Tamil and withal an earnest Christian. All the other teachers of the school were voted slight increase in salaries and from Mr Hastings letter to Treas Wiggin you will have learned of our effort to secure land for a teacher's house near the school

Some slight changes in salaries of helpers at Manepay Oodooville and Inuvil were voted. Dr Mills retires from the position of first assistant in the Medical department at Manepay and is

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Manepay

Jaffna

Apr 26. 02

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Dear Dr. Barton

Your letter to hand I have considered as a private letter and have treated it accordingly. You probably have heard from others that the reason for our staying is that God willing we expect an addition to our small family in June. - Under the circumstances it appeared to us and to the doctors unwise to travel homes in Apr or May — It is very doubtful if we will be able to take Kodaikanal in for the same reason.

We will endeavor to take

all possible care to avoid over-work – Mrs Scott has done no medical work for some months.

Dr Young came to see me this evening having received your letter recently and just this evening an unofficial letter from Dr Parker asking if she would be willing to go to Madura temporarily.

I find she gladly accepts the opportunity of a change. I had hoped that the slight friction which at first existed was passing away, but I fear that there is little hope that she can ever do her best work associated with Dr Carr at Dindigul – I am not writing this officially as you

will understand —

I do not think however that we must lay all the blame on Dr Curr or indeed attach blame to either. It is largely a case of incompatibility — I agree with you that the ideal arrangement would be both working jointly — but I think in hospital work it is better to have one senior who will largely take the initiative while not exercising undue authority — I believe Dr Young would have been willing to accept such an arrangement had Dr Curr tactfully given her a share in the planning etc. But this misunderstanding has not been done and I think now the wisest way

would be for Dr Young to accept the invitation from Mandura as a temporary arrangement yet with little anticipation of returning to Jaffna — In this change — I find Rev Rottas agrees with me — others have not been consulted as no official requ has yet come before us —

Those who have taken holiday are soon returning — in fact Rev Mr & Mrs Brown return to-day from Nuwara Eliya —

With our united best wish for Mr & Barbara's continued good health — and your past good services we are

Yours very Cordially

J B Scott

Ceylon Manepay Jaffna
Jan 13. 1902

Dear Dr Barton

Many thanks for your kind letter which was received last month, and which I hope to answer within a few days.

You doubtless know from Miss Root something if not everything that is of any importance in connection with our Med. School.

You were good enough to express yourself as highly pleased with what you saw at Dodoville. Our Hindu friends tell us that the "Evil Eye" is now punishing us for your praise. That is a common Hindu notion that you must not praise anything or immediately some evil will befal it. I tell them that it is "the Eye of the Lord" which is upon Uduvil School - and that it is not for evil.

You have doubtless heard that our first difficulty after taking in a low caste girl into the school was a boycott of the dhobies or washermen. This is not over yet. We have however with great difficulty succeeded in getting the clothes washed by night up to the present. This cannot go on indefinitely however. It may be necessary for us to send the clothes to Colombo to be washed in which case we will incur a very large expense. It may be necessary to call a dhoby from the Singalese country and have the washing

done on this premises. In that case we ought to buy more land so that we could have room for such work to be done without being a nuisance to the school. We have the opportunity now to buy a piece of land adjoining the compound for about $60. With this we should build a wall along a portion of this property as borders on a back lane. For this we would require not less than $160. Will you give us permission to go on and buy this land? and make the necessary improvement. I shall send the request through the Mission within a few days.

It is very pressing that we buy this piece of land as it gives us a little more room for back buildings or out buildings. So large a school needs careful provision for this need.

Again we have had fire set to the present out building by some ill-minded or mischievous persons. just now in connection with the trouble in the School. With the piece of land and a wall we could be protected on that side. You will give this very earnest consideration I am sure.

I wish I could write you that the opposition to us was wholly from the Civilis. Unfortunately this is not so. I think a very very small portion of our Christian community favors our action. The Revival Church of which the girl is a member

are all against it with possibly the exception of the pastor.
It has been by one of the Christians that 99% of our Christians are against it. I think that is probably not a fair estimate but I know of not more than you could count on one hand who are actively helping us in the present opposition. The Christians do not come out openly and speak against it but they secretly stand behind their Civil friends and work against us.

It has brought out very prominently the fact that our Christian community is too intimately connected with the Hindu community. In this matter as in many others they cannot be true to Christ and keep in friendly relations with their Hindu relatives and unfortunately it turns out too often that it is not Christ they choose —

You have heard that libel fire has been set to the hedges. I have asked police aid in this matter and I believe that they will prevent its recurrence. If the Society would come out plainly and say that they will help us if they are protected we may get help, but up to the present we have none who will help us at the risk of being ostracised by their friends —

The people have gone a step further and are starting an opposition school to our Memorial English School. This is because of the strong feeling in Newaly and because they feel that I as manager of this Ord. Boarding School am to blame for this innovation as they call it. They wish to punish me - The teachers of the village school from which the girl came have been beaten and all better caste children are being out of this school - It is a real serious question in our work but we believe God's hand is in it and we cannot draw back. It is this which will give us the victory. Spiritually believe we know that we are on your mind continually but we ask you to pray that this stirring of the people may lead to great blessing -

We know we have your sympathy in this matter - and that of the whole committee of this Board and though our school be temporarily closed it will be best for us not to give in this matter

With best wishes

Yours Sincerely

J. B. Scott

Rev. J. B. Scott

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Manipay Jaffna
June 19 02

Dear Dr. Barton

AUG 6 1902

I take pleasure in announcing the birth of a Bow. boy —

He was born on the evening of June 17th so that our mission numbers one more — At present writing both mother and child are well

With best wishes

Yours Cordially

Thos B. Scott

AUG 18 1902

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Manepay. Jaffna Ceylon
July. 8. 1902

To Rev J. L. Barton DD
Sec A.B.C.F.M

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of Apr 2nd to hand May 7th.. As several members of this mission were absent at the Hills at the time it was not very convenient to obtain a vote on the question raised in the letter.. A meeting was however convened June 7th and my ~~not~~ only excuse for not writing earlier was that as I have already informed you. the advent of our third son laid upon me personal & private duties which fully occupied me.. I am pleased to report that Mrs. convalescence has been slow, Mrs Scott is now almost well again. Our baby is named Harold Grant. and is doing well.

Other members of this mission are now in their usual health. Dr Annie Young suffered from low fever for some weeks before going to Kodai but latest news is that she has quite recovered from it. In reply to a request from the Madura Mission we have voted Dr Young permission to act for Dr Parker until June 1903. Miss Keyt comes to Inuvil to

assist Dr Carr at her former Salary of Rs 75 per mensem We presume permission having been granted to us to come home on furlough in 1902. it will not be necessary for us to ~~come~~ ask to be allowed to come in 1903. We hope to leave Jaffna probably in April or March of next year -

It was voted that we approve of the Board accepting the legacy given to the General Medical Mission by Miss Ann Marston on the conditions thereto attached. Personally I see very little danger that vivisection will ever be practised or taught in the hospital but one cannot foresee the advance of science or the growth of our work. It may be that such a restriction at some future time may seriously cripple the work done here, If such a time come it will remain with the Board to forfeit the legacy or otherwise as it may see proper.

The Decennial Missionary conference for all India is to be held in Madras in December of this year - We have voted Rev R Hastings the delegate from our mission. I am instructed to ask the Pondenial Committee to make a grant to defray his travelling expenses.

As it is very desirous that some of our Tamil pastors should attend this conference

I am also requested to ask for a grant to cover the travelling expenses of two pastors. in addition to the allowance from the mission.

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As was anticipated considerable opposition has been raised to our admission of a low caste girl into the Dodoovilla School. Full two months have passed and though we hear of less talk in the villages, we are still boycotted by the dhobies. Under cover of darkness we carry out and bring in the school girls' clothing - and depend on the kindness of two dhobies secured from us by some of our Christians - these dhobies work by night but will not come to the school to bring or take the clothing as they do not wish to be known to be doing the work. However the twenty girls were taken out of school seven have been brought back. The school is as full as it is convenient to have it. in fact fuller than it is comfortable. We accepted a larger class than usual with the apprehension that several would not come under the exceptional circumstances. but the number who have left or dropped away is so very small that our attendance is larger than we would otherwise have arranged for.

If we can win in the Dhoby strike, (not due to unwillingness of the Dhobis but to the intimidation of the high caste families for whom they work) I think we shall have little further difficulty

The series of evangelistic meetings arranged for have begun. - At Udupithy Rev G.G. Brown reports very interesting meetings which have stirred up the Christians and have led some to accept Christ who hitherto have held back. We hope as the Summer proceeds to see similar results in other churches - We had hoped to have Dr R.A. Torrey come to us for some days but the difficulties of getting steamer passage to fit in with the few days at his disposal in Colombo prevented us making final arrangements. We are now hoping for some special meetings by Mr Eddy and probably Mr Walker of Trichinopoly and some Y.M.C.A. workers from Madras, besides one or two Tamil men from India. In these meetings all three missions are to unite - Mr Eddy will give some time to the Colleges after work in the Churches is concluded -

Rev Isaac Paul who has worked for the Native Evangelical Society for some years has accepted the call of the Student Mission to Tondi.

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but I cannot yet say what these shall be.

The mission house at Chawafachwor has been rented for 3 mos to some of the rail engineers on the Northern Railway —

I supply with this letter some extracts of bill for photos which Mr Hastings paid me having authority from you so to do — We ordered the photos of the 1 group of pastors and missionaries, 2 the group of Dooville school — 3 the group of missionaries and the deputation — I was asked by you to get the photos of a 4 Divili School and 5 our mission school (the former having destroyed the latter) for a certain — As the Kawlin always charges us for the photo and for the extra photo — these extras are shown in the ~~picture~~ bill. We would not have charged these but that we have no grant for photos — and understood you to say that the deputation would pay for all photos ordered. If the details are wanted more fully I may be able to ~~report~~ give them.

Hoping to write you again re estimates within a fortnight.

I remain Yours Most Cordially

Thos. B. Scott.

Bill for photographs ordered for the deputation.

I Group of native pastors missionaries and the deputation –

First negative – 12 x 10 — 15.00

Second negative. — 1.75

II Group of Odoondi School

First negative 8½ x 6½ — 8.00

Second – — 1.00

III Group of Missionaries & Deputation.

over 12 figures –

First negative — 16.80

Second negative. — 1.75

6 extra copies supplied Dr Barlow — 10.50

IV Boiwili School. (Mahiapiddi Village)

Mampay Alaweddi district

First negative — 4.00

Second negative — 75

V Mission School (Mahiapiddi Village)

First negative — 4.00

2nd – — 75

Rs 64.30

Less paid Rs 5.00 by Dr Barlow. — 5.00

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Rs paid this bill to me when presented. HBS.

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Jaffna Ceylon
" Manepay. Aug. 25. 02

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of July. 16. 1902 to hand. – We appreciate truly your Congratulations and good wishes – We have already begun correspondence re sailings of Steamers for next March – We are planning to break our journey at Port Said so as to visit Smyrna. where Mr Scotti sister Miss E. Macallum is at work – Very probably her bro Mr Fred Macallum of Marash will meet us at Smyrna for a little visit – We hope to sail direct to America from the Mediterranean but whether by North German Lloyd or Dominion line we will decide on further correspondence –

You will have received the vote of the Mission re Miss Ann Marston's legacy etc this which I trust will be satisfactory –

Re Tamil – I think I see no reason to change my opinion as concurrent with the opinion expressed by the Mission when discussing with you Mr Ratnam's successor. – We recommended him and I still feel that for the best interests of the work there as well as the harmony of the workers – If a co-worker comes from America at all – a trained nurse with some little extra

Jaffna, Ceylon
Aug 25, 1902

training in dispensing - anaesthetics and gynaecology would solve the problem. She would without suffering any loss of dignity be able to take directions from the doctor in charge, and at the same time deal with emergency cases temporarily in the absence of the doctor for whatever reason.

Moreover as the nurses class is a part of the Council by no means of slight importance - a trained nurse would be able to make twice as much of that branch of the work as is accomplished at present.

If no such person is easily obtainable - in America or England. Such an arrangement as holds at present if a really suitable East Indian or Burmese or Tamil could be obtained would solve the problem as far as it concerns the dispensary or dispensaries and the hospital quite satisfactorily. But it has the disadvantage that the nurses are not thoroughly trained as such —

Of course you have asked my opinion as a private individual but I believe Dr Cuss would heartily concur so

also would do young.

We are looking forward to Dr Young taking charge of Mennepay on our going on furlough. On our return she would naturally go on to Inwil as Dr Curr goes on leave and on Dr Curr's ~~going~~ returning. She herself should take her holiday so that it seems probable that the two ladies both estimable workers will not be asked to live and work as partners. - (I sometimes fear that Dr Young will not bear the strain of many years out here but that is only between yourself and me.)

We had hoped that our problem at Dodoville was largely solved, but the Dholy question still presents its difficulties - The former Dholy agreed to take up work with the second boy no matter what obstacles the high caste people should place in his way. But he has weakened after doing our washing in the vacation. He says he was told by some Christians that the "enfant terrible" would not return for the second term. and on that he based his promise. I think he will probably come round but at present writing - one week after

vacation we still work out our soiled linen in
cover of darkness —

We know you are nearing your
annual hunting, and we anticipate good tidings

Mr Scott joins me in warmest regards
to Mr Barton and yourself

Yours most Cordially
Thos B Scott

HARRY WADE HICKS,

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DEC 8 1902

Private

Battiscombe Ausd.
Nov. 3rd 1902

Dear Dr Barton

My letters have been long delayed – You have learned from Mr Hastings's letter of the going home of our little Percy.

He was ill less than twenty-four hours of acute enteritis with very high fever. – We had looked with great pleasure towards taking our children home to the grandparents, but our Lord had other plans for our little boy. – The little baby boy Harold Frank is well and is growing very fast – Mr Scott and Helen are well. I am sorry to say I am not in good health – For about six weeks I have been ailing with a low fever which has almost but not quite left me. We have been staying with Mr Hastings for some days hoping the change would help me but I see no real improvement. My strength seems to grow less every day – If it were not for this inhospitable American or Canadian climate at this season, I think we would try to get right away. We have even wondered whether or not So France would not be a good

place to spend a few months -

However, we wait a little hoping to begin to gain immediately -

We will let you know if we find it necessary to leave soon

Your Sincerely

Thos B Scott

Mrs Scott joins me in love to Mr & Barton and yourself.

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Wm Thos B Scott to Thos Scott
Sept. 5, 1872

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Manippay. Jaffna
Nov. 16. 1902

Dear Dr Barton

Dr Carr has advised us to go homewards at once - So with the approval of the Mission we sail for So of France on "Derbyshire" Dec. 16th - hoping to reach Marseilles Jan 3rd '03 - Please address. C/o Cook & Sons Agency. Marseilles - May we request that you send us for our Expenses in France as the Prudential Committee may decide. I do not know what our Expenses may be (and as I am under Medical care it may be more than it would otherwise be.) but - for the months we may be in France. I wish to ask that the Board give us at least the allowance we should receive were we at home. Dr Carr says there is no disease of any organ but that I am simply run down; and hopes that the Voyage and change of Climate will speedily restore me to health. I am sorry to be leaving Jaffna thus disabled and a little earlier than we had intended but it is the way He leads and we shall follow. -

Yours in His Service
Thos. B. Scott.

Is there any way we might get a few more days in Jaffna?

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Manse of Jaffna
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Rec'd JAN 16 1903

Dear Dr Barton

We are within three days of our leaving Jaffna.- Yesterday the Christian people gave us a farewell - with no presents. This last pleased us much for all as the stress laid on the churches to pay up all arrears at this time is too severe to admit of increase, without suffering on the part of the pastors & people. A written address in well chosen words and a brief reply and am not yet strong enough for much speaking concluded a short enjoyable meeting -

We have decided to go to Smyrna instead of to Travel as Miss Macallum has cabled, after careful consideration, to come there

Please address us there - Any letters previously addressed to Marseilles we will have forwarded

Will you find it convenient to have Mr Wiggin send us funds for our 4 mos stay there. This the Treasurer of the Turkey Mission and indeed for that part of our homeward journey beyond Smyrna if it is that wise. -

I am a good deal stronger than I was a month ago and hope to be relieved of invalidism by the sea-voyage. Yours truly Thos B. South

Jan 16 1903

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Rec'd FEB 24 1903
Ans'd FEB 26 1903

Smyrna. Feb. 6. 1903

To
Rev J.L. Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

Your kind letter of sympathy went on to Ceylon and returned to us here. We feel deeply touched by your kind words. It is a great joy to think the best photo we have of our dear little Percy is one taken by Dr W Hutchinson. We have used the negatives he so kindly left with us to obtain a few more copies for our friends. Please remember us to him.

The same mail brought us the letter you had written us direct to Smyrna and the letters from friends you forwarded to us. Your kind words have cheered us very much! We find ourselves most delightfully situated here with Miss McCallum. The climate is really delightful and we anticipate that we will get great help from our stay here. You will be glad to know that I have been steadily improving since we left Jaffna. I have far from free use of my legs and arms yet but still I can walk out a mile or more without getting too tired, and I hope to improve even more rapidly from this on if God will. Mrs. Scott and the children

are well and enjoying the company here, not of our sister only but of her associates of whom we had often heard by letter. Mrs McNaughton and Mrs McLaughlin were college mates so I find much that we can talk of in common — Every one is so kind to us that we feel almost as if we were at home

I do not know whether or not we wrote you that on account of my helplessness the mission kindly sent Mrs Hastings to Colombo with us. It was assistance which we very much valued - For assistance from that point we found an American Negress who had come out to India as servant to a missionary family in the Ascot Mission - but who wished to return She agreed to help us in return for her passage which we gladly accepted. as I was quite unable to render help with the children but rather blind in need of some help myself.

From Port Said we took train to Alexandria and there after three days waiting found a steamer for Smyrna. On account of the cholera in Egypt we were put in quarantine for two days in the bay of Salamis - near Athens Force. This instead of being a burden proved a blessing as the weather proved bad and a very cold wave settled down on us. After 40 hours of tossing, with

no food for ourselves or Helen. We came into harbor and lay to quietly. From 65° in Alexandria which we found cool after Jaffa we dropped to 32°. in this short time. It was difficult to keep the little ones warm but a fire was lighted in the dining saloon around which we sat – these days enable us to get the warm clothing (which we had hardly expected to need). unpacked. Arriving at Smyrna on Jan 20th we found it bitterly cold. All here tell us it is the coldest known for a long time. This lasted for most of a week. Then it grew moderate. Now it is delightful to go out for a walk with a light over coat. The house is warmed with a coal stove so we are most comfortable. The kindergarten is held in this house so Helen is enjoying herself to the full and profiting much besides. We could not have found such a delightful situation anywhere else and we are so glad we were able to come here. We expect to remain here until the end of April and then D.V. sail from Naples to New York. In N.Y. we hope to have Mrs Scott's eyes examined by the specialist who prescribed for her before we left home. Then will go on to Kingston for a visit to Mr Scott's home before we go to Manitoba to my mothers home

I hope to be able to spend some months

in the open on my brothers farm and with God's grace grow strong physically once of

I thank you for the provision made for our expenses thro Mr Peck. Mr Hastings advanced us money to bring us here only so in addition to our expenses here we shall be obliged to call on Mr Peck for money for the journey home from here —

We shall be glad to hear from you again at your convenience but are sure that you are very busy. It seems strange to us that you who know so well this field should not be the Secretary in charge but doubtless there are good reasons for this arrangement which we do not know of. —

Mrs Scott joins me in wishing you very blessing for the coming months of this year on which we have entered

Yours Most Cordially

Thos B Scott

REC'D MAY 1 1903

Smyrna. Turkey
Mar 19. 03.

My dear friend

I doubt if an apology is of any value, so saying nothing of my long silence I venture to address you another letter. You will doubtless be surprised (if you have not already lost all interest in me) to receive a letter from this old city of Asia Minor. Let me explain myself in brief. We should have gone to America in 1902 but for family reasons we decided to remain over for another year. Our fourth baby, Harold came to take a part in our family circle in June. In September I was attacked with a low fever which at one time threatened to be Typhoid. It proved otherwise however and after a month I was able to do part of my work again. In October our little son Percy - two and a half years old - was suddenly attacked with acute enteritis and within 24 hours despite all our efforts - passed away to be with his Saviour. After this shock instead of growing stronger I steadily grew weaker and in November it was blemishly evident that we must seek a change at once. It was impossible to think of going to Canada in mid winter, so we after careful enquiries and much prayer decided to visit my wife's sister Miss H. Sallaway the principal of the Collegiate Institute for girls in Smyrna

She had for some years been urging us to take this opportunity of furlough to visit her, but we had feared to promise to come with our family of little ones because of the difficulty of travel. However it seemed the wisest thing for us, and we therefore packed up and left our Jaffna home Dec 17. After delay at various points because of changes of steamer, we arrived at Smyrna Jan 20 having touched at Colombo, Port Said, Alexandria Piraeus (the port of Athens) by the way. We found the climate of this city just the change we needed. It only occasionally falls to freezing - but it is about forty degrees colder than we have been accustomed to. I have improved very much in strength since we left Jaffna. The other members of the family are also in good health. This City is in some respects not unlike the lower parts of New York when viewed from the point of view of the habits of the people. But the buildings differ greatly. None are more than two stories because of the frequency of earthquake shocks. The streets are very narrow In many places the second story overhangs the lower, and the houses on opposite sides of the street almost meet. The Camel is a very ordinary beast of burden. When a train of camels sixty

in a string loaded with very large boxes etc
merts and this going in the opposite direction
there is little room for passengers. Fortunately
they move so leisurely that it is not difficult
to get out of the way as they approach. My
little Helen has spent many happy hours
watching them kneel to be loaded at the
various depots in the neighborhood.

Smyrna is a large export town. The chief
for the western end of Asia Minor. Figs are
exported in great quantity in the fig season.
It is one of the cities of the Seven churches
referred to by the writer of Revelations. The city
is very old but possesses comparatively little of
historic interest. St Polycarp's tomb occupies
a prominent position on Mt Pagus overlooking
the city and harbor. An old bridge crosses the
river Meles near our home. On the banks of
the Meles Homer is reputed to have been born.
Across this old bridge the caravans of the
interior all pass. Across this famous bridge
the crusaders marched in the centuries long
ago. Two days ago a party of six of us
took train to Ephesus forty-eight miles distant
to the South. The old ruins of this once famous
city are exceedingly interesting. Now it is an
utterly uninhabited waste. A small village

of lin or linenly huts still exists on the extreme outskirts of the ruins. This would cease to exist were the place not such a great resort for travellers. Much work has been done during the past quarter century in excavating the sites of old buildings. The Cayster R. carries down so much mud that the plain on which stood the city has been covered to the depth of many feet. The Site of Dianas temple was discovered on digging twenty feet below the surface of the plain. To day you look down into a huge pit to see remains of what was once one of the Seven Wonders of the World. We took lunch in the old Theatre of which we read in Acts xix. It was enacted that scene where for the space of two hours the great concourse shouted "Great is Diana of the Ephesians". Her greatness is a thing of the long gone past while the cross which Paul preached continues to be preached throughout the wide wide world. "Jesus shall reign wherever the Sun doth Her Successive journeys run." — We hope to leave for America on May probably landing in New York. We shall hope to see you before we return to the East. Hoping to be excused for my long Silence. I remain Your Most Cordially

Thos. B. Scott

Rev. Thos. B. Scott
Care Mr. Manuel
Smyrna
Turkey

Rev. Thomas B. Scott, M. D.

APR 10 1903
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Smyrna.

Mar. 24. 03

Dear Dr Barton

Your kind letter of Feb 26th to hand last week. I thank you for the many expressions of sympathy and for the interest you have shown in my welfare -

You say Mr Pat will forward me funds to continue the journey home. He has written me to that effect this week - For our expenses here he says he will pay what we ask. You will remember that the P.B. gave permission to remain in Eng. on the way - assuring me that the allowance which would be made were we at home would be given there. Mr McLaughlin gave it as his opinion that such would be given here but the

Pet says he has no instructions on this matter. So I shall draw from him as if it were so and await your decision. We can hardly expect to hear from you again before we leave Smyrna - We hope to sail early in May. From what we have learned as to steamers from Naples we shall most probably come by North German Lloyd - but we may see some better way before we actually sail -

I am steadily improving tho. slowly. I was able to take a trip to the ruins of Ephesus one day last week without undue fatigue I hope to be able to visit the cities of the Seven Churches before we leave

Smyrna and possibly Constantinople or Athens — The weather is cool and most delightful.

How thankful we are for this opportunity to take part of our furlough here.

Will you please send the enclosed letter to Mr Hale I have packed away my book in which I have his address — accurately written

Mrs Scott joins in best wishes

Yours Sincerely

P.S. If we land in N.Y. may we expect some assistance from the Board's officers there in the passing of Customs etc? I shall wish to do Greyfan before we sail letting of the expected date of arrival

Thos B Scott

Rec'd MAY 8 1903

Rev. Thos. B. Scott, M.D. 268.

Smyrna
Apr 23rd

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Sir

We have decided to sail (D.V.) from Naples by the North German Lloyd Steamer "Gera" to New York May 8th due to reach N.Y. May 22nd. We have found it quite impossible to take a Dominion Line Steamer without staying a fortnight in Naples, as boats do not connect well from here. –

We saw the last members of the Annual Meeting off to their homes this morning. It has been a delightful meeting, with such pleasant new experiences for us. Our missionaries of the W. Turkey Mission are a fine lot of men and women. The spirit of the meeting was much helpful –

We had the pleasure of having

Rev Fred. McCallum with us for ten days as a delegate to this annual meeting from the Cent. Tuk. Mission. It was a great pleasure for us to meet after so many years (13) and renew acquaintance practically. It was quite a family re-union. In addition he brought such a blessed message to the Mission here of the wonderful work of Grace going on in Ainlat Marash and surrounding villages that we could hardly hear him speak often enough to satisfy us. Truly the power of the Spirit has been manifested in the work there.

I was given the privilege of telling them something of our work in Jaffna and was pleased to do so.

I have much improved in health for which we praise God.

Kind remembrances to Mrs Eaton —

Yours Most Cordially

Thos. B. Scott

Rec'd MAY 21 1903

Naples. May. 6. 03.

Dear Dr Barton

We found after I wrote you last that the "Gera" was overcrowded and so we are taking passage on the "Hohenzollern" sailing May 15th and due in N.Y. May. 27 if on time.

We have left Sorrento after a most delightful and extremely helpful stay of over three months; leaving all well, except Miss Bartlett who still continues to be unable to see her friends. It was an experience not to be lost to see Turkey and its people and problems. I particularly enjoy my memories of the annual meeting.

With our best wishes to yourself and Mrs Barton.

Sincerely

Yours most Cordially
Thos. B. Scott

P.S. Will you please forward word to Dr Grafan of the change of steamer. T.B.S.

Rev. Thos. B. Smith D.D.

Rec'd MAY 28 1903

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288. Lexington Ave
New York
May. 27. 03

Dear Dr. Barton

Ans'd MAY 27 1903

I drop you a
ne to let you know that
e have safely arrived in N.Y.
is morning. We are well. I am
till improving in health. Two
nds whom I have met since
coming have exclaimed. "Why you
k quite as young and as well
you did when you went out" -
fter ten years that is good
ws. - We leave probably to-morrow
- at latest on Friday for Mrs
Scott's home 320. Earl. St Kingston Ont:

Naples, Italy May 6, 1903

which address we shall arrange as our permanent address while at home. We had a most delightful passage on the "Hohenzollern" N.D.L. — —

I was much grieved to learn from Dr Graham of the illness of Mrs Samuel Howland = Have you any further news? —

Mrs Scott joins me in love to yourself & Mrs Barton.

Yours Cordially.

Thos B. Scott

Rec'd JUL 21 1903

Bates P.O. Manitoba
July. 17. 1903.

Ans'd JUL 22 1903

F.L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

You will possibly be somewhat
sed to receive a letter from me here, but this is the home
mother the only one of my parents living. I came here
ys ago and will (D.V.) spend the summer months
prairies. I will take part in the outdoor farm life
y strength allows and hope to build up new power
in manual labor. Already I have begun to lend a
in the hay making.

This being the end of my journey I have made
complete statement of travelling expenses to be
ded to Mr Wiggin by this mail. I have made a
f some of the items concerning which questions
e asked. (1) As I was almost completely helpless
left Jaffna, the mission voted that Mr Hastings
accompany us to Colombo to assist us in the
r to the steamer for home. Her travelling expenses to
bo and expenses while waiting to get a steamer back to
I have included in my account.

(2) You will remember that I wrote you that
d availed ourselves of the opportunity to get the

necessary assistance on the homeward way by paying the passage of an American Negress for the assistance she could give us with the children. I made always every effort to get the lowest possible rates for her. Some steamers would allow her to be included with the lower class accommodation, and yet come to our help as needed. Others would not. We ourselves chose 2nd class accommodation on steamers when this was consistent with comfort and economy.(3) The slight increase in expense caused by our deflection from the most direct journey home - to go to Smyrna for winter, I think you will understand. I am convinced that we were divinely guided to winter there rather than in the South of France.(4) We were delayed ten days in Italy by reason of our inability to make close connection by steamer from Smyrna. Mr Pest arranged passage for us by N.D. Lloyd and we made the best connection possible. While we waited for our steamer I took a run up to Rome but of course this does not appear in public travelling expenses. I am aware that the whole total of travelling expense is probably a little larger than usual, but I hope that under the peculiar circumstances these may be allowed us.

The balance reported is perhaps larger

than it need have been, but one order on the Treasurer was not cashed until I reached Kingston. I had with me some personal moneys and these I used on the journey for items of public expense. The balance will be equal to our allowance through part of September. I do not know what your custom is with regard to paying our allowance at home whether quarterly in advance or monthly. If the former, we have not caused any irregularity in your rule

I have declined invitations to speak as I have not been able to do so without weariness. But I hope to speak once or twice while here in the West in the interests of our Mission work. With the advent of the colder weather I shall return to Ontario for the winter. Mrs Scott and the children have not ventured on the long rail journey West; but have stayed with the grandparents in their own home. I still plan to make my headquarters in Kingston Ontario. You will please address all correspondence as usual to 320 Earl St Kingston, Ont. - I am glad to hear Thos. Whitehead of the appointment of Mr Hall to Jaffna College. Has any one been secured for Dodoville School? Kind regards to Mrs Barton

I remain Yours faithfully. Thos B. Scott

Rec'd AUG 18 1903

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Bates. Manitoba

Aug. 14. '03

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Ans'd AUG 25 1903

Dear Dr. Barton

I have not felt it wise to do any public speaking yet; but some time in Sept., before I leave this West, I am to have a Sunday in the only Pres. Ch in Winnipeg. to tell them of our Jaffna Mission. Have you a linen map of the Ceylon Mission made based on Mr. Paul's map? Send one if you have, or, otherwise the best that you have to Mr A. M. Henderson. 638 Spence St. Winnipeg. Manitoba. Send also 6 copies of "Ceylon Key to India" to the same address and charge all to me.

I am steadily improving in health tho. my physical vigor comes back slower than I hoped. I think this Summer here is likely to be of very great value to me.

I have heard from Mr Wiggin that my bill of expenses has been accepted. I thank you very heartily for your kind consideration and generous provision for us in our time of need.

I hope to return to my wife and family in Kingston. early in Oct. Address as usual

Yours Most Cordially

Thos. B. Scott

July 17. '03

Rec'd AUG 28 1903 273.

Batis. P.O.

Aug. 24. 03

Ans'd SEP 2 1903

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

I have two letters from you lying unanswered. I thank you very kindly for your good wishes for my restoration to health. Also for the very kind manner in which you have received my statement of travelling expenses.

Your later letter asks me to be present at the annual meeting of the Board and represent the Ceylon Mission. I shall gladly do so, and am greatly pleased at the prospect of seeing one of the meetings which annually we read of with such eagerness. I expect to reach Kingston about the 25th of September and shall then be glad to receive any papers required that I may secure special rates on R.R. I have my return ticket already purchased to Kingston — as as low a rate as could possibly be secured for the special meeting of the Board.

I shall be very glad if you can give me the address of Mrs Liscomb, who has for so many years sent annually a donation for a female Girls School in memory of her daughter — through the Board. She

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Batis, Aug. 24, 1903

lives in Portland Maine I believe and was a
member of Dr Daniels Church when he was in
pastoral work. He has always forwarded letters.
not know his initials nor his special address.
Daniels could give but perhaps some other rec
of it is at your hand. If not please give me Dr
Daniels address if he has left Boston and I ca
find out from him —

I am steadily improving and
last evening spoke to one of the local country
Congregations of this neighborhood.

Looking forward to meeting y
again

I remain

Your Most Sincerely
Thos. B. Scott

Mrs. John F. Lincoln
Portland, Me

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Rec'd OCT 5 1903

Ans'd OCT 5 1903

Kingston Ont.
193 Earl St.
Oct 1st 03

Dear Dr. Barton

I have returned from the coast feeling that my summer has been of real advantage to me, though I am not yet as far on the road to physical vigor as I hoped to be.

I am looking forward to the Annual Meeting with much ~~pleasure~~ yet with some little uneasiness as to what is expected of me. Can you give me a little hint as to this? Where in the programme do I come? Not having been at any of the Board's meetings I feel on unknown ground. The people to whom I shall ~~speak~~ are presumably well posted on our Ceylon Mission. Therefore what am I to do? What had you in mind in asking me to speak? I have thought of taking up the thought of the Jaffna Church's position with regard to self-support. Self-Govt. Self propagation — Or as an alternative. The situation

with regard to the medical work - its methods aims and successes - . How much time should I be prepared to occupy? I judge fifteen or twenty minutes.

I have been asked by the Pub. Com. to send copies my address in advance. Is that an approved method?

I expect to hear where I shall be entertained upon going but possibly that is to be learned after arrival at Manchester.

Looking forward with much pleasure to meeting you -

I remain

Your Most Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott,

Kingston, Nov. 11/

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NOV 12 1903

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Rec'd OCT 29 1903

193 Earl St. - Kingston Ont.
Oct. 27. 03.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

At your recommendation I saw Dr. Jelly - while in Boston. He was very sympathetic and very thorough in his enquiries & examination.

He told me that in his opinion I was not suffering from disease of any organ but from general weakness. I am being worn out, and that a Canadian Winter ought to be the best time I could take - with looking for regular employment - and light reading or study for recreation - . I was pleased to get such an opinion though I begin to feel as his employment suggested is so much in line with my past year that I would like to reverse the recreation & employment prescriptions.

My little peep into the rooms gave me the impression that the suggestion made at the Meeting to "push things" was not as carrying "Coals to Newcastle". Yours Truly Thos. B. Scott

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Rec'd NOV 7 1903
Ans'd NOV 7 1903

Kingston. Ontario
193 Earl St
Nov: 2nd 1903

Dear Dr Barton

I thank you very sincerely for your kind and sympathetic enquiries after my health. By the grace of God I hope soon to be restored to my usual strength. I thank you again for your appreciative words with respect to the few words I was able to speak at the meeting. So far I have not spoken often, but when I have done so, I have felt impelled to speak not of the need either of workers or money; but of what God has done and is doing. I feel sure that if our best people know what is accomplished they cannot but be interested to give to the development and the strengthening of the work of foreign missions —

My whole life previous to accepting appointment to the ABFM was connected with the

Presbyterian Church of Canada. My intimate fri
my college associates, are all Presbyterian. I am
asked by them to speak and any influence I m
be able to give to the work goes to the Presbyter
Church. The exceptions are where friends ask m
they can do (over and above their regular gifts
their own church) for our work. There are ~~things~~
in the field special needs as you know but I d
not feel free to say much about them before
this matter before you. Our need of a supplem
grant for our primary educational work goes
well. I am overjoyed with the news you give
this morning of assistance you have been able
send just now. My own desire has been that,
was able to do so, I might enlist a number
have not been contributors to our board's wor
the privilege of giving a
later upon the grant to a special Village sc
of $15. annually for a period of years. Secon
have hoped to be able to appeal to some spe
individuals for an endowment of the High Scho
at Manepay for which I have been able to ob
a good building by subscriptions locally. This would relieve the c
strain (owing to fluctuations of grant from fo
maintaining a high standard of excellence
the teaching staff. Exceptionally good grants

to this school could this be used to assist in the general primary educational work. These two objects I have had in my mind. The constituency among which I may make my appeals would presumably be our the communities and friends referred to above and certain Canadian Congregational Churches that I find are not giving to Foreign missions at all. —

What is the rule of the Board in ~~this~~ respect to collections for work that may come to me? Is it not to be held at the disposal of the Board for its general work except as permission is given me to ~~solicit~~ and for special objects? I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to this question.

While in Manitoba I was asked by a Methodist church to give a week-night lecture on Ceylon. The proceeds of this lecture were to go partly to their own work and partly to me. I received $4.70, which I hold subject to your instructions; but which I should like to send as a special gift to the work in Manepay. Hoping to receive a reply at your convenience. I remain

Yours Most Cordially

Thos. B. Scott

277.

REC'D JAN 9 1904
ANS'D JAN 20 1904

193 Earl St
Kingston Ont
Jan. 7. 04

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter to hand in which you ask for some statistics or a statement of the alumni of Jaffna College. I fear I am not quite in close enough touch with the College to give figures accurately. I quite agree with you as to the need of a supplementary statement and I shall do what I can for you. I shall forward it in a few days or earlier -

I have learned of the death of Mrs S.W. Howland. I am wondering if this will open the way for Dr Howland to return to Jaffna where he is so well fitted to work. We have no one of our staff with leisure sufficient to do systematic Evangelistic work. Dr Howland residing at Dodoville with Miss Howland would be eminently fitted to supplement our efforts. His services could also be obtained

for the Thio. Student - His knowledge of the people of this language, his reputation in Joppa as a scholar and a Christian teacher would be thus used where it can be of most advantage.

I am writing of course only as an individual missionary. I am sure he would be a very welcome and much needed addition to our force here. How his services could best be used the Mission would be the best judges. Do you think there is any hope that he can return. Mr Hastings comes home soon and leaves this Mission force deplorably weak —

Yours most cordially

Thos B Scott

Rev. Thos. B. Scott
Wagoner, Pa.
Jany 7th 1904

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Rec'd JAN 22 1904

193 Earl St.

Kingston, Ont.

Jan. 19. 1904

Ans'd JAN 22 1904

Dear Dr Barton

I have the pleasure of informing you that on Jan 10th 04. we were made the happy possessors of a little Daughter. - Marjorie Isobel - Up to date Mrs Scott and the new baby are doing very well. Both are in excellent health.

This event must be my excuse for not having sent you the short article you asked me for as I have been - filled with duties day by day. - Please excuse the delay.

With best wishes -

Yours Most Cordially

Thos B. Scott

279.
Rec'd FEB 24 1904
Ans'd FEB 24 1904

193 Earl St. Kingston Ont.
Feb 22nd '04

Dear Dr Barton

I enclose to you the short article asked for on the Alumni of Jaffna College. I am quite ashamed to have been so long in getting it off. I have found it difficult to write to my own satisfaction. I have written it and laid it down, only to throw it away and try again. Four times I have thus re-written it and I only send this on because I know you must be troubled that I am so long in doing it. It does not please me and I fear may not suit the niche it is intended to fill. If too short. I thought that with advantage a quotation from the tribute of missionaries printed in the pamphlet prepared by Dr Howland which you have forwarded to me. Do you wish me to return the pamphlet or have you other copies at hand. I am glad to have done this for you tho quite satisfied that it is below par.

I note in letters from Jaffna that the mission has voted to ask Dr Howland to return to Jaffna. At your suggestion I have sounded him and send you his reply.

Kingston, Jany 19/1904

He says. "Friends have said that they supposed I would be going back to Ceylon and I would gladly go if I thought the Lord called me. But I believe this is a greater work here and so long as this open and the need seems so great I think that the Lord wants me here. I believe that in 5 years there will be 1000 or 1500 churches looking to this seminary for a supply of trained ~~bree~~ ministers. Of course there would be others who would gladly take the place. But yet it is a privilege to impress one's self in so wide field and to mould the thoughts of a large part of the country as this is opportunity for doing here at this time. And I don't believe it is conceit to think that I have a message that no one else could give as well I believe the Lord wants me here." Speaking of Jaffna he says. "I believe the evangelistic work must be chiefly done by the people themselves".

With all due respect for the valuable work Dr Howland can do where he is I am still of opinion that our need is still greater and most emphatically I believe that in Jaffna he could do a work that no one else can do. I hope when he gets this mission request he will change his mind and reconsider the opportunity of coming to Jaffna again.

Dr Howland does not know that I had written you or that you had suggested this letter so what he replies you take as a private letter

A friend has requested me to ask you if you could give the address of Revd H B Thompson of Newfoundland who was in China under the Board. He may be in China yet. If so, what is his address?

What is the immediate effect on our work in Japan of this war just begun. Will it disorganize all work for the present?

I thank the donor for the pamphlet on China missions which I have read with great interest. It is admirably compiled and ought to be of great value

We have had a most unusually severe winter here. Old residents say the most snow and steady cold for many many years. But I am glad to say that we all have stood the cold very well indeed. Mrs Scott took a private room in the Maternity Hospital here for a month but is at home again. She is gaining strength rapidly and the baby is doing very nicely also.

I have not been able to gather from letters received whether you have able to account definitely for the 25£ given annually since 1890 for the General Medical Mission by Miss Given of Liverpool. As I am in correspondence with her is there anything I can do.

With deep regrets for the length of time which has elapsed since you asked me for this small contribution to the work

I remain

Yours Most Cordially

Thos B. Scott

Kingston, Feb. 22, 1904

Rec'd MAR 2 1904

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Kingston. Ont.
193. Earl. St
Feb. 27. '04

Rev J. L. Barton. D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter to hand this morning. It is very good of you to say that the enclosure I sent you on Jaffna College Alumni satisfies you. Do not regret that it gave me trouble. Such mental gymnastics are good for me. I only mentioned it as a partial reason why I was so tardy in fulfilling your behest.

I am glad to know that you think Dr Howland's best work can be done in Ceylon. I, too, believe such to be true and am writing him to that effect. I hope he may yet see it so.

You ask my opinion as to the value of a nurse as an associate with a lady physician in Mission work. When the question of a successor to Dr Putnam was before in Jaffna, I gave my opinion, that a trained nurse would be most desirable. The Mission correspondence of that period will show that we expressed our opinion to that effect. We also wrote Miss Leitch to the same effect. I have seen no reason to change my opinion that as a rule such a combination of physician and nurse would prove most satisfactory. This of course is not

intended as a criticism on any existing conditions.

I would recommend however, ~~that~~ should the Board see fit to appoint a nurse to such work, that you advise her to take a course of lectures on obstetrics ~~and gynaecology~~ in addition to a thorough nurse's training. Such lectures are easily obtainable in large cities. There is no substantial reason why, with such training, she could not, on the mission field, take the charge of abnormal maternity cases, a procedure considered outside the province of the ordinary trained nurse. Such work would of necessity fall to her lot at times in the temporary absence of the physician from her work. Eg. vacations to the Hillside.

You ask if we think it wise for us to attempt to return to Jaffna in the autumn. We have been giving much careful consideration to this question of late. We are very anxious to go at that time. But there is some doubt as to whether I shall have gained that reserve strength necessary for a full second term of service by Sept. I am still making steady but slow progress. Twice, since I was in Boston, I have had intestinal trouble of such a nature as to confine me to bed for two or three days.

These attacks seem to take about a month's gain out of me. They are the result of a slight chill, I believe, and not serious. I shall consult a capable physician here within a few days on the point at issue. At best, it seems impossible for us to say more, at present, than that we very much desire to go; but possibly it may be found that we are not quite ready for it. In that case we would look forward to another winter, and the prospect of returning to Jaffna in June - the time of your visit to Jaffna. I hope such may not be necessary.

Appreciating your very kind wishes for us both and for the family

I beg to remain

Yours obediently

Thos B Scott

281.

Rec'd MAR 23 1904
Ans'd MAR 23 1904

193 Earl St. - Kingston. Ont.
Mar. 21st 04

Dear Dr. Barton

Since writing you with regard to our probable date of return to Ceylon, my mind has very often recurred to the subject. And lately it has done so all the more on receiving letters from Jaffna telling us of the movements of the missionaries there. I can see how those who remain will be overburdened. Yet, as I measure my strength I cannot fail to see that I could not do a fair day's work yet. I have been led to wonder whether a few weeks' stay at Clifton Springs in the early spring might not give me some extra help on the road to strength. I am really much stronger than I was six months ago and I have no fear but that I shall be able to do my work again as of yore. But there must be a limit to the time the Board can allow as furlough. That I can quite easily understand. If by some means I can hasten the progress of recruiting, I would be glad to do it. I understand the Board has some preference in one room at Clifton Springs. May I ask what conditions are necessary for obtaining its benefits? If it is

Kingston, Feb. 27/04

Yours most cordially
Thos. B. Scott

possible for me to obtain this favor when would the privilege be available? Possibly for me, Apr. or May would be the best if I could so arrange it.

I need very much to do a little work along medical lines to catch up with the best and latest methods etc. This is essential to my best work on my return. When you mentioned Sept was it only with a view to our going with the Hitchcocks and so bring on the field towards the close of the year; or was a date fixed with no regard to the Hitchcocks going? Would the P.B. look with favor on my taking six weeks or two months in New York at medical work, for preparation to returning. Mr Scott feels as I do the need of brushing up and reviewing. The opportunity for such is not satisfactory before Sept. If we were able to take up such work we could (other things being satisfactory) leave N.Y. in time to reach Jaffna for the close of the year ready to take over the work with the New year. Please consider this a private letter that I may know your own individual opinion on the matter.

I am sorry to learn of Dr Young's illness - Rheumatism with endocarditis. I hope she will soon be well again.

Yours most Cordially Thos. B. Scott

Rec'd APR 2 1904
Ans'd APR 2 1904

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To Rev J. L. Barton DD
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

193 Earl St. Kingston Ont
Mar 31. 04

Dear Dr Barton

Some time ago in addressing a Sunday School it occurred to me that some of the children would be interested in the Tamil alphabet. I asked Mr Dickson of Tillipallai - Jaffna to send me a few. To make them of more value I have printed a brief statement concerning our Village schools on the reverse side. I send you a copy - for approval or criticism before I use them.

I have an engagement to speak in Montreal - on our Ceylon Mission work before the Quebec Branch of the W.B.M.M. of Canada and the Ministerial Association of Que. - These meetings are on the 5th & 7th of April. After these engagements are filled. I propose to go direct to Colpton Springs for a short visit. Dr Judson Smith has written me that the Am. Board room is available and I have replied as directed intimating the time of my proposed arrival. Do you know any of the officials personally to whom you could give me a letter that might enable me to see such medical work as

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Dungannon, Ulster, Ireland
April 1, 1904

would be within my reach.

If you write me there about the 9 of April I will get it in due time.

I will be in Montreal at 55 McGill College Ave. from Apr 4th to 8th

I hear that Miss Howland sails from Colombo Apr. 5th I shall be delighted if you succeed in getting the young lady for Dod. If you write. Without some such associate it will be very difficult for Miss Root.

I am hoping to hear that Dr Swift Howland is willing to return to Jaffna.

I beg to remain

Yours Obediently

Thos B Scott

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Ans'd APR 22 1904

The Clifton Springs Sanitarium Company.

CLIFTON SPRINGS, N.Y.

MRS. M.E.FOSTER, SUP'T AND TREAS.
HENRY J.BOSTWICK, ASSISTANT.

April. 14th 1904

Rec'd APR 18 1904

Dear Dr Barton

I received your kind letter in Montreal previous to my coming down to Clifton Springs. I thank you for the kind wishes expressed for benefit from this visit, and for the letter of introduction to Dr Thayer. I met Dr Sanders immediately after my arrival and received from him a royal salute. "I'm right smart glad to see you" - "Ceylon was my native place". was his warm welcome. I hope for much but expect to say that the surroundings are beautiful the people genial and congenial, I cannot yet report on its beneficial effect on me. —

I shall send you a few copies of that leaflet you spoke of. I shall of course use it as I had intended among those who

are not now active helpers in the Boo work. At the same time I see now wh it had been well I should have seen while the manuscript was still in m hand that some slight change in the last paragraphs would have made i of less objection may of more value as an index of the work of God among o school Children - "Live & learn" - Learn and then live is better -

Have you any word of the steamer which Miss Howland expects to reach the Country? I understand she was to sail Apr from Colombo -

Is there good hope that Dr S.W. Howland will join us at an early date - in Cey

I thank you for the opportunity given me of Coming hu for a little time and I shall take pleasure in reporting progress later.

All are well with us. Kind regard to Mr Barton & yourself

Yours Most Cordially

Thos B Scott

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REC'D MAR 26 1904

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CLIFTON SPRINGS, N.Y.

MRS. M.E.FOSTER, SUP'T AND TREAS.
HENRY J.BOSTWICK, ASSISTANT.

April. 25th 1904

Dear Dr Barton.

In reply to your letter I beg to say that it is my intention to return to my home in Kingston on Tues. May. 10th.

I hope by that time to be able to make a good report of the benefit derived from my stay here —

I am very sorry that the prospect of Mr Howland's return to Ceylon seems remote.. I fear lest this decision may prevent his sister returning for she has at times spoken of returning tho. I do not know with what seriousness. Please do not by any chance refer to this possibility as it would be sure to be received as

as a hint by Miss Howland. It is
a great loss to our work if Dr How
does not return but it will be doubly
if we should lose Miss Howland also

Yours Sincerely
Thos. G. Scott

Rec'd MAY 17 190 285.
Ans'd MAY 18 1904

193. Earl St
Kingston - Ont.
May. 16. 04

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Dear Dr Barton

I wish to thank you for the privilege of the use of the room at Clifton Springs for two weeks. I enjoyed the rest and profited in some measure from the treatment. I came home a few days earlier than I had at first planned, because my children were not very well. But they are in good health now.. I gained some strength by going but did not get what I hoped to get in some reliable basis on which to draw conclusions as to the time I may safely return to the work in Jaffna. We want to go as I wrote previously in Nov., but must depend on gaining a good deal more vigor before that time if it would be wise to go.

We have boarded with Mr Scott's father and mother who took a larger house in order to accommodate us all. We must give notice June 1st if we wish to continue in it for more than the year. If we were not to be ready to go out in Nov it might be the best arrangement we could make to take the house

for six months longer

Can you tell me to whom to write at Auburndale to find out if we as a family could be admitted for the months of Autumn previous to Nov.

If we find later that it would not be the part of wisdom to go by the end of the year would the Board not prefer that we try to find some work in this country and retire for a time thus relieving the Board of our support?

My heart is in Jaffna. I offered myself my life work there. I still feel of the same mind, and more than anything else to return, and that as soon possible. But to follow my inclinations at the cost my better judgement and return prematurely might only result in my permanent retirement from Jaffna but permanent disablement for any work even at home.

It is not easy to find temporary work here - tailing as it does some outlay for equipment.

I am troubled and would be glad if you can suggest something to take this burden off my mind.

I am sorry to learn that Dr Young has had to return again to India. It looks as if she was not to be able to work with us in Jaffna.

Has Miss Howland arrived yet in Am?

Yours Most Sincerely

Thos B Scott

Rev. Thos B. Scott

July. 1st '04
193 Earl St
Kingston. Ont.
Canada

Rev J. L. Barton. D.D.
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REC'D JUL 5 1904

ANS'D JUL 22 1904

Dear Dr Barton

I beg to lay the following situation before you and ask your counsel.

1. I am not satisfied in my own mind that my present condition of health, for the rate of progress during the past few months. gives real hope that I can return this Autumn to Jaffna.

2 By letter I have consulted a medical Missionary friend in India and indirectly (as his letter is not yet to hand) I learn that he has expressed an opinion that I should not return this year

3. A doctor of this city has given his opinion that I should plan at least for another winter in this Country.

As each of these three opinions is insufficient in itself as a basis of decision, I wish to have your opinion as to whether or not I should make the trip to Boston to consult Dr Jelly again? Is it worth the expense necessarily entailed in it?

If it were probable that we could go in Nov. I should be quite satisfied to take up residence at Auburndale for a couple of months. If we must remain at least another nine months or one year from date, we should prefer to remain in Canada for most of the time. ~~at least~~.

Possibly a letter to Dr Jelly with a statement of my present condition would be all that is necessary for him to give an opinion.

I am sorry to trouble you, and more - much more - sorry that I have not a brighter report to make of myself.

Yours faithfully
Thos. B. Scott.

Rev. Thos. B. Scott, Auburndale, Mass.
July 1, 1904

P.S. I enclose a statement which if you think well might be sent to Dr Jelly for his opinion.

Yr Truly
Thos B Scott

193 Earl St
Kingston
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Aug. 2nd 04

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ADS'T AUG 31 1904

Dear Dr Barton.

I thank you very kindly for your letter. Dr. Jelly wrote direct to me, which will account for his apparent tardiness in answering the enclosure so kindly forwarded by you.

I forward his letter and also one by Dr Sanders of Clifton ~~Springs~~

A week ago I went to bed with a severe attack of tonsilitis. When this was beginning to subside an attack of abdominal colic came on such as have been recurring at intervals during the past year. We called in a surgeon not because of the severity of the attack but because of the obscurity of the cause, and the recurrence according to a ~~definiti~~ definite type or course. He made three visits and finally came to a diagnosis - a catarrhal form of appendicitis - He says that such cases may occur and constitute no great danger to life although liable ultimately to assume a severe form. Were I not leaving the country he would advise letting it alone and watching each recurrent attack carefully.

But as I wish to return to Ceylon he says

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it would be unsafe to go with this "sword of Damocles" hanging over me. He therefore proposes an operation as soon as the summer is over. as early as possible in the Autumn so that all possible advantages of time for thorough recuperation may be made. He is of opinion that this may be one of the chief causes in my slow progress to health. I felt each recurrent attack retarded me, but they were not severe enough to suggest seriously the possibility of appendicitis. In fact in an attack last Aug. I had two doctors examine me at the time and both pronounced it not appendicitis. Both were recent graduates in Medicine and in their first week. Only on the last attack in Feb did Mr Scott suspect the real cause. I mentioned this to Dr Jelly last Oct. but they had not impressed me as of any importance and I passed it over lightly and he took little note of it I believe.

We shall probably choose Sept for operation and in the meantime rest up and regain strength. I have only been allowed to be up and about the house up to date. I remain. Very Cordially Yours

Thos. B. Scott

69 Newbury St Boston
July 18. 1904

Thos B Scott M D

My dear Dr Scott.

Your letter of July
14 did not reach me till
the 16th

From what you write, I am
sure that you have improved
decidedly. but it seems quite
evident that you will not be
in a condition this fall to re-
sume your duties at Leyden
and strongly advise you to pass
another winter in our cool

Kingston, Aug. 2, 1904

If you would like to call up
me again I should be glad
to see you I hope to be
away during the greater part
of August -

Yours very sincerely
George F Kelly

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CLIFTON SPRINGS, N.Y.

MRS. M. E. FOSTER, SUP'T AND TREAS.
HENRY J. BOSTWICK, ASSISTANT.

July 16th 1904

My dear Dr. Scott.

You must pardon me for delay in answering your letter of June 24th. I received it all right and laid it with others for answer but was so busy at the time that with the others it has been answered late. As to your return to Ceylon this year would say that under existing conditions I dont think it would be wise for you to do so before next year. I was convinced while you were here that a long rest was what you needed. I dont mean by

that fold you hands and
while the time away bu
freedom from the usual
tasks you used to have
faffed. Some light work
to do would be the best th
for you for it would kee
your hands & mind occup
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that line, get all the rest
you can then if possible
for two or three months jus
before you sail come her
to Clifton and take the bat
and recuperate for the voya
We have been advising seve
that way feeling that it will
be helpful for them.
Hoping you are getting better
day by day. I am
Sincerely Yours
J. A. Anders.

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Rec'd NOV 14 1904

Ans'd NOV 17 1904

Nov. 12. 04.

193 Earl St
Kingston.

Dr. J.L. Barton
See A.B.6.7.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

Your letter received - I ought to apologize for not writing sooner. As you say however "No news is good news" - I left the hospital after 3 weeks - and have now left almost two months behind me since operation. (Sept. 15th). I am glad to report on the most glowing terms of my progress. I am gaining strength steadily and have every hope that I shall soon be stronger than ever. I have just seen my surgeon who has told me to take up all ordinary work again in moderation now. - On one or two occasions within the last two weeks I have been exposed to cold such as was usually followed by an attack of appendicitis - and thanks to the fact that my appendix is in the pathological laboratory I suffered no inconvenience from the exposure. The pathologist has confirmed the surgeon in his diagnosis and proved the value of the operation to me at this time. He says that as on spot the appendix had almost perforated and probably another attack would have completed the perforation with no

a very serious if not fatal attack - I am duly grateful to the father who has guided me into the path that has proved so wise and prudent. I think there remains little doubt (in fact I feel that all doubt has been removed) that we shall be able to return by Mar or April. to Jaffna

The Children have whooping cough just now and suffer considerably from it - But we hope this will in due course will pass away without any real injury to their subsequent health and strength.

Mrs Scott is very well -

Now with regard to your question re the appointment of a homeopathic doctor to co-operate with Dr Carr. I have no antipathy to Homeopathy and I am persuaded that such a training might be of very great value to mission work were she alone in her work. I fear that it would be too great a risk to associate her with Dr Carr. The slightly different standpoints of the Scotch & American physicians even in the ordinary system of medicine tends to be accentuated on the mission field. Probably the combination suggested by you would be similar in its results only "more so" -

The nature of the work of the associate doctors

is such that the same patient will be treated one day by one and the next day by the other doctor. Different lines of treatment must inevitably be followed by doctors of different schools hence confusion and worse than confusion would undoubtedly result. In a recent letter I recommended that a trained nurse be associated with Dr Burr but I foresaw that such a combination would not be the best during furlough time. It would be better than closing up the medical work however as is practically the case where one doctor carries on the work. My work has been apparently admirably looked after by my native assistant and Dr Carrie's supervision, but such a person is not available for Dr Burrs work. Perhaps the weight of opinion was against me on my position that a nurse would be the best associate.

Have you no applicant among lady physicians of with training similar to Dr Young, whose enforced resignation from our field we so much regret? Is there no hope of an associate for Miss Rook? She is in grave danger of over-working I fear.

With kindest regards.

Remain Yours Most Cordially

Thos B Scott

Rec'd NOV 26 1904
Ans'd NOV 26 1904

Nov. 24. 04
198 Earl St
Kingston. Ont

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter to hand. Many thanks for your kind expressions of sympathy with regard to my recovery.

Your question - "Do you know of any reason why a trained nurse would not be entirely satisfactory to Dr Curr.?" - requires an early reply - I am not able to say what personal feeling Dr Curr may have on this subject, but I believe she concurs with this mission vote.

While Dr Curr is at Innvil I believe a nurse would be entirely satisfactory, and indeed preferable to a physician.

While Dr Curr is on vacation or furlough, or ill this work could not be as efficiently carried on by a nurse. In such a case the second physician would be preferable.

This last difficulty would be partly overcome by the physician at Nanaimo visiting at regular intervals - It would rarely occur that both would be absent at one time.

From a letter received at this date of writing I am inclined to think that Miss Leitch is in favor of sending out a second doctor. How far that alters the case you are the best judge.

I regret exceedingly that Dr Carr & Dr Young were not able to work together to the best advantage and would be very sorry to see a repetition of the wet of incompatibility of temperament. Of course the danger of this is not wholly avoided by sending a nurse, but inasmuch as she would certainly acknowledge Dr Carr as head it would be lessened.

I am continuing to improve. But our Children are all ill of whooping cough so broken rest retards recuperation somewhat. I think the crisis is past however.

Now with kind regards to all. Yours Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott

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Rec'd NOV 30 1904

193 Earl St
Kingston
Ont.

Nov. 28. 04

Ans'd NOV 30 1904

Dear Dr Barton

Your question in your letter of Nov. 26 I think was answered by my letter which you would probably receive after this one was posted "Is there any likelihood that a physician could go out there and be given under Dr Carr liberty sufficient to satisfy her?" - It would perhaps be too hard on Dr Carr to given an unqualified - No! - Yet, whether with Dr Carr or another doctor the risk is great. I would not recommend it - I think the nurse decidedly preferable and would be glad to hear that she was already on the way.

This question emphasizes what you saw and what we all feel keenly. viz that Innvil hospital & Manepay hospital had been better if amalgamated. Dr Carr & Mr Scott and I with a nurse or even without one could have managed the whole work with about one third less native helpers and with less expense in every way. But this cannot be helped as far as I can see at present. It was a great mistake which time will only emphasize more and more. I fear.

Kingston, Ontario
Nov 24, 1904

Many thanks for your kind enquiries about the children - the two eldest promise to have a rather light attack, and we hope the baby will come off easy also.

I am growing more and more anxious to get back to the work and see little probability of delay beyond Mar or Apl. I have written to N.Y. to enquire about sailings by North German Lloyd - Have you reason to think that the route chosen by Mr & Mrs Hitchcock was less expensive. We found the N.D.L. ~~the~~ a most delightful line on our way home. - Months of Mar & Apl. are the months most chosen by tourists to Mediterranean ports so we should speak long enough ahead to secure comfortable quarters - We sailed Apr. 8. in '93 and I see a Steamer of N.D.L. on the same date for us from N.Y.

I understand that the local funds of the Mes. Dept at Manepay are in credit for the purchase of Drugs & Surgical Supplies. Could I draw on the Treas and get such supplies on hand as I would like to take with me

So for a carriage. Our Carriage was sold and

the proceeds put to my credit to the amt. of $100. in Madras. Could we arrange to get this amount arranged thro the Treas. in Ceylon & Mr Wiggin so that we can make our purchase or at least lay the order for it at an early date?

Is there some re-fit allowance granted us on preparing to return to Jaffna?

With kind Regards
Yours Cordially
Thos. B. Scott.

Former field of work in Ceylon. We would like to get away early in April so as to avoid the Monsoon which breaks in June usually not later than the third week of May. If we could sail by North German Lloyd steamer of Apr. 8th from N.Y. we would be pleased. Perhaps if it is decided that we may return, Mr Hosmer would make enquiries as to relative ratio of steamers of different lines - We wish to sail direct to Naples and there change for steamer to Colombo. We enjoyed more than any other line the N. Ger. Lloyd by which we came from Naples

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193. Earl St
Kingston Ont
Dec. 7. 04

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M

Rec'd DEC 10 1904

Ans'd DEC 14 1904

Dear Dr. Barton

I am glad to report that I have fully recovered strength from my operation and indeed have gained in weight and physical & nervous tone. I enclose a certificate received from the Dr. here which speaks for itself.

If it is the wish of the Prudential Committee I should be delighted to return to my former field of work in Ceylon. We would like to get away early in April so as to avoid the Monsoon which breaks in force usually not later than the third week of May. If we could sail by North German Lloyd steamer of Apr. 8th from N.Y. we would be pleased. Perhaps if it is decided that we may return, Mr Hosmer would make enquiries as to relative rates by steamers of different lines - We wish to sail direct to Naples and there change for steamer to Colombo. We enjoyed more than any other line the N. Ger. Lloyd. by which we came from Naples

Kingston, Ont. Dec. 7 '04

to N.Y.. But possibly other lines would give equally good accommodation & good rates.

I am glad that Mr Hastings agreed with me in the matter of a nurse. I hope she may soon be appointed.

Our children are gaining very rapidly and I think will soon be free from this sickness.

Wishing you the compliments of the Season

I remain
Yours Sincerely
Thos. B. Scott

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193 Earl St
Kingston - Ont
Dec. 10. 04

REC'D DEC 14 1904

ANS'D DEC 14 1904

Rev J. L. Barton. D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter enclosing a copy of the estimates for 1905 for the Medical Missions Jaffna I have just this evening received

I think the estimate is not different from that which has been approved for the past three years, and is less than the preceding years. The estimate was provided for as we understood by income from endowment and special donations for special cases - E.g.

The income of the Endowment of the Gen. Med. Mission is or has been about $280.00 annually (Rs 840) -

Miss Given of Liverpool has been contributing for upwards of 14 years annually to the support of the Tamil catechist. (mentioned in estimate) £25. (Rs 375.)

You will see that these combined amounts equal Rs 1215 - in covering the estimate fully, which stands at Rs 1212

Since I came home, however, I have heard from Miss Given that she cannot continue to raise £25. but will try to get £20. I notice that on that

basis the Semi annual payment in July last was £10. The amount thus asked for Mr Filch ought to be Rs 240 instead of Rs 360

It has been my constant endeavor to reduce from year to year the amount of the estimate. I think in the near future we shall be even more successful in that effort. Possibly even in 1905 we may be able if spared to return and resume our work to carry the work thro at less expense than the estimate. I should not be unwilling to reduce the amount asked for the assistant by Rs 120. making it 360 Rs.

The Gen. for Head nurse might possibly be partly met this year by the "Local Endowment" of the Med. Mission - I think it ought to yield about Rs 100 - as available for this purpose -

I would propose therefore that the estimate stand as follows -

Gen Med Mission —

Mr Albert. K. Mod^r Curlis - Ass't -	Rs 360	
Mr Joel Filch - Evangelist -	Rs 240 (£20)	
Mrs Jessie Samuel - Head Nurse -	Rs 32	
Karadiya Dispenser - "	Rs 240	~~Rs~~ 932
	932.	

I do not know, but I think the Mission

would agree to the proposed change in the estimates

I cannot say anything about the estimates for the Womans Med Mission - more than that the estimate for assistant is not excessive -

As Dr Burr expects to go on furlough she has very probably made a very careful estimate of the amount necessary to carry on the work in her absence

I cannot understand why the legacy of Miss Ann Marston to the General Medical Mission - was not put to the Endowment as I was always of the impression that it was solicited and granted with that understanding. Correspondence with Mr Wiggin brings out the fact that it was placed to Current Acct of Med. Mission "to be used as long as it lasted." - In the correspondence between the Board and the Mission as to the conditions attached to it - we were of the impression that it was an "endowment" & the statement was made that if in the future - it were impossible to

fulfil the conditions - the legacy could be returned to the heirs as provided for in the will. How can that be done if in the interval it is all used up? -

Am I quite wrong in my impression that this legacy was meant as an endowment for the General Medical Mission? ~~and~~ Also the amount to the Womens Medical Mission, similarly granted, I understood was to be used in the same way -

I shall be glad to hear that an appointment has been made to the Woman's Med. Mission -

Hoping to hear soon that it is the wish of the P.B. that we return in the spring.

I remain

Yours. Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott

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REC'D DEC 14 1904
ANS'D DEC 15 190

193 Earl St
Kingston Ont.
Dec. 12. 04

Rev Jas. L. Barton D.D..

Dear Dr Barton

In a recent letter you spoke of the possibility of our being granted some benefit for our medical work —

If it should be so I should be very grateful. There are two ways in which such a grant might be very advantageously applied.

1st It would be of incalculable benefit to us to have a short course in the hospitals in U.S.. A month or six weeks in visiting the clinics of the best physicians & surgeons would help me more than reading the best or latest books. After the years new methods, new appliances etc ought to be studied if we are to do our best work.

The expense of travelling - board, incidentals, probably some small fees - etc I have estimated would cost about $100.

2nd Some modern appliances instruments and apparatus would be of great aid in our work I do not know at present the probable cost of such but if a sum approximately equal to

Suggestions Dec. 13, 1904

The above-named sum could be placed at our disposal it would be most gratefully received and most carefully applied

I would like to go to New York early in Jan. if it could be arranged.

I am progressing steadily in health and looking forward with ever-increasing delight to the early return to our work which has grown proportionately interesting to us as we have become rested and recuperated.

I remain

Yours Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott.

REC'D JAN 6 1905
ANS'D JAN 7 1905

Jan. 4th 1905
193 Park St.
Kingston, Ont.

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter has remained too long unanswered. But when it came we were anxious about the health of one of our children. Later the Xmas & New Years' Season coming on I refrained from adding any work to your vacation.

I am glad to report that our little daughter is now recovered and in fair health. The whooping cough from which all have suffered has almost left them.

The special refit allowance I asked for on medical account was for work and expenses not entering into our personal refit. If it could be granted I should feel able to take a short session in the Hospitals of New York. Otherwise that much-needed rubbing up in medical study will be impossible. I hope it can be allowed.

What progress have you been able to make in securing a young lady for Dodoville?

I have met and talked with a very desirable

candidate. She is the daughter of a Pres. Minister. A university graduate holding degree and a diploma for subsequent training in Pedagogy. She has taught for one or two years in a ladies College in Winnipeg. She is about 25 years of age probably.

She is not however free from her present engagement as teacher till the end of May. 05.

She is a volunteer for Missions and was examined & passed for work in Formosa under the Pres Ch of Canada. Subsequently the Committee decided the time had not come to send a single lady there.

I am not sure that she will apply to our Board tho' she is much interested.

If you have any desire to enter into communication with her. address —

Miss Annie Laird.
Havergal Ladies College
Winnipeg
Manitoba.

Yours Sincerely
Thos. B. Scott

Rec'd JAN 25 1905

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Jan. 20th 05.
193 Earl St
Kingston

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter came to hand yesterday - I thank you very sincerely for this favor granted me in allowing me to go to N.Y. for a little study - and for such medical books or apparatus as are likely to be of great advantage to our work

I hope to go to N.Y. on or about Monday 22nd and I expect my address while there will be 288 Lexington Ave. but I shall write again.

I have not yet succeeded in finding any of our students ready to offer for the San Carlos Copper Co. situation but if I do I shall put them in communication with you

We shall be delighted to have the pleasure of Miss Caswell's company on our return to Jaffna. I hope she will be free to come. I am gaining strength steadily and am much encouraged for the future. I hope you will also find the young lady for ~~Dawoob~~ Oldwil.

Yours Sincerely
Thos B Scott

Kingston, Ont.
Jan. 20th 1905

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Jan 31st 05
107 E. 23rd St
N.Y.

Dear Dr Barton

I enclose a letter from a young lady - who is head of a private hospital in Montreal - a personal friend of our family - She was one of Mr McCallums parishioners - I asked her asking her to ~~reply~~ consider Ceylon - Her reply is negative but her reasons are unsatisfactory. I think they could easily be proved ill founded -

Nevertheless if it indicates that she does not want to - these reasons may serve as well as others not valid

However she gives the name of a nurse whom she calls "excellent" who trained with the mission field in view -

I have to-night written to the young lady - whom I do not know personally - asking her to consider it. - I have given her your address also. I know Dr Paton is the man for such correspondence - You can turn it over to him - Kindly forward the enclosed letter to Mrs Scott

Yours Sincerely
Thos B Scott

Transferred to Foreign Office

Rec'd FEB 25 1905

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Feb. 24. 05

New York

Ans'd FEB 24 1905

Dear Dr Barton.

I am indeed glad that it is settled that Miss Caswell is to come to Jaffna. but would oh would it had been with us.

Dr Patton has expressed a wish that I could see her before I go to Ceylon. You have echoed in same desire. This together with the need of feel of talking over the situation with you has led me to decide to come to Boston on my way home next week. I can ill afford the $8.00 to that it will cost me extra and therefore hesitate but if it is right that I should come. why it is right that this should be spent.

Of the question of appointment. I should say make the appointment as missionary if you can. I doubt if it would be wise the other way. I can speak of this when I see you. I shall try to see you on Saturday at the Rooms. If you cannot be at home that day write me not to

come.

I shall try to see Mr & Mrs Hastings on the way. I am indeed delighted about this gift for Jaffna College. The Rs 10.000 will be found in Ceylon but it must be "gone after" systematically and persistently.

Hoping to see you next week

I am yours faithfully.

Thos. B. Scott

Thos. B. Scott Esq.
N. Y. City

In speaking of going to Boston. Dr Corrigan said I did that if it was for necessary business of Board ~~[illegible]~~ my expenses would be paid but I do not know that it could be classed as absolutely necessary. Tho it is expedient

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Rec'd MAR 9 1905

193 E arl St. Kingston Ont.

Rev. J.L.Barton.D.D. Mar. ~~Eth~~ 6th 05

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Ans'd MAR 15 1905

Dear Dr Barton.

Your letter to hand. I thank you for the kind--ness you have shown me in Boston, both in your own home and at the Rooms. This visit will long remain in my memory as the last before returning to Jaffna, and for that reason I shall prize the very pleasant recollections of my meeting with the various members of the staff of workers at headquarters.

I thank you for the check enclosed which would ~~have~~ have removed any ~~have been removed any~~ doubts that it was wise to go to Boston, if there had been ~~any~~ left. I certainly enjoyed it, and if to any one there was profit so much the better.

I am trying to get over the elementary stages of becoming familiar with my new friend and helper --the typewriter_ so that I may get the most out it when I arrive at the front. If I make ~~If I use make~~ a letter that does not look professional you will ex--cuse it this time.

I will write to Miss Caswell at once with the sug--gestions you made, and to Dr Patton giving my impre-ssions of her for the use of the committee. Mrs Scott joins in kind regards

Mrs B Scott

301.

Rec'd MAR 13 1905

193 Earl St. Kingston Ont.

Mar. 11th 05

Ans'd MAR 14 1905

Dear Dr Barton.

When I came home I found Mrs Scott was not very well. I think it is chiefly need of rest . While the little folks were sick with the whooping cough she broke rest at night continually. For the same reason she continued to nurse the baby longer than her own strength warranted. While I was away in New York she had extra care on her mind. These all combined to wear her out so that wile she is not sick yet she is not in such form as is desirable in viiw of the immediate future. For the above reasons I have sent her off to Clifton Springs for a short stay. I had not time to wait to ask your approval but I hope you will not be displeased.

Would it be too much trouble for you to write to her there sending her a letter stating that she is a regularly appointed missionary of the Board and as such entitled to the consideration usually accorded to missionaries. She hoped to get a room in the village with Dr Young. She will stay only about 18 days so as to leave herself sufficient time to do the final preparation for the journey.

Yours faithfully

Thos. B. Scott.

Dr. Barton re Mrs. B. Scott.

302.

Rec'd MAR 20 1905
Ans'd MAR 21 1905

193 E arl St. Kingston Ont.

Mar. 16th 3 1905

Rev. J.L.Barton. D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton.

Yours received for which many thanks.

I appreciate the kind words you have written about that little ~~art~~ article I wrote ~~tlcrete~~ for our Journal. The editor asked me to write it to show the students here what we were "up against", as he expressed it. I had no idea that it might be useful in the direction you propose but am pleased if it is so.

You will remember that I told you we were facing the probability that the children might get the measles as the city was full of it. Well! we are in it. Our eldest girl came down on the tenth of the month the first day of her mother's absence. As there is no probability that it should prove dangerous to life, and as we felt that we could manage it satisfactorily in the mother's absence, we have not told her lest she should feel that she must at once return.

However, I called in the physician here for his opinion as to whether or not it would interfere with our prospective journey. He says that there is good reason to expect ~~xh~~ that they will all be well over it in ample time to permit us to travel; but of course much depends on when the other children take-

over

it.The sick one has to-day passed the highest point and is al-
-ready beginning to improve. The baby seemed to be coming down about the same time as Helen, but it was so light that it is almost doubtful if it was really the genuine article. The third shows no sign of it yet.Will you kindly ascertain the latest date we should apply to have our passage transferred to a later steamer? We cannot, if we would, go on board before the danger of infection is quite over.Neither would we wish to run any risk. Only if it proves absolutely necessary, shall we entertain the thought of delaying. Yet so as not to lose the deposit on tickets we must act at the proper time, as you thoroughly understand. I shall let you know the progress of events from time to time.

I thank you for your kindness in writing to Mrs. Scott at Clifton Springs. She writes that she is already feeling better. She will expect to stay tillthe 27th ult.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Barton

I remain

Yours cordially

Thos. B. Scott

Rec'd APR 4 1905

Rec'd MAR 28 1905

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193 Earl St. Kingston. ~~Xxx~~Ont.

Mar. 27th 1905

REV. J.L.BARTON.D.D.

Ans'd MAR 29 1905

SEC. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton.

It is with a great deal of re--gret that I write you this letter.

From my previous letter you have already learn--ed that Mrs. Scott was not feeling well and that I had sent her off to Clifton Springs. Almost immediately after she went there she was even worse. After a week in the village she was able to get into the San. I gathered that she was not well but the news was so lacking in detail that I could not quite understand the sit--uation. Iwas surprised to get a telegram on Sat. last asking me to go to Clifton Springs, sent by the Dr. in charge of Mrs. Scott. I was not able to go as I was tied down to the children. This A. M. I received these two letters, one from Dr. Young and the oth-er from Dr Malcolm one of the staff of the San. You will agree that the situation gives reason to ask as suggested that thatdeparture for Ceylon be delayed.

The eldest of our children has quite re--covered from her attack of measles, the 2nd is recovering, but the baby is just coming down to-day. This fact alone would make it a question, whether it would be wise to go at the time plan--ned.

I therefore beg you to ask the TREAS. to arrange for a transfer of our passage to a later steamer. Just what may de--velop in Mrs. Scott's case it is impossible at this time to

over

say but I will let you know particulars as soon as I receive them. I have deemed it best to write to you at once even with this par--tial information that the S.S.Co. may not suffer.

May I say again how sorry I am to be oblig--ed to write this but we can only try with patience to say ""my times are in thy hand."

I remain yours sincerely

Thos B Scott Mo.

DOUGLAS MANUSCRIPT

304.

193Earl St. Kingston. Ont.

Mar. 28th 1905

Rev. J.L.Barton. D.D. Sec. A.B.C.F.M. Ans'd MAR 4 1905

Dear Dr. Barton

Following my letter of yesterday I have little of encouragement to write to you. The examination by the surgeon has not revealed the cause of the severe pain which still continues. They are giving morphia to obtain even a measure of rest.

I wrote that if any surgical cause was deemed to be the chief factor in the case that I would prefer that she come home as I had confidence in the surgeon here and it was better for us all that Mrs. Scott be at home.

This noon I received a telegram from Dr. Young to the effect that she was bringing Mrs. Scott home on the 29th Wed. I am glad that she can come for I judge that Mrs. Scott is not able to travel alone without safety. I am lookisg forward with much anxiety to her return lest the whole story has not been told me .The Drs. there have not in my judgement given a satisfactory diagnosis and as Dr Tinker is a clever surgeon I am the more troubled.

Surgical procedure proposed there does not at all commend itself to me which makes me feel that they are only temporizing. I will at once put her under the care of the surgeon here and in all probability she will go into the hospital in this city.

The whole future or rather the immediate future is dark with forbodings but perhaps I am taking a darker view than is warranted.

Yours Very. Sincerely, Thos B Scott

Rec'd APR 1 1905

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193 Earl St. Kingston. Ont.

Mar 30th 1905

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

Mrs. Scott arrived home last night and was driven straight from the station to the hospital. She was very much fatigued yet she stood the journey even better than I expected . Dr. Wood has taken her in hand and I think has al--ready her confidence and she is willing to believe that he will soon have her all set up again. He has ordered a special nurse and will make every attempt to get her well in the shortest possible time.

He wishes to wait ten days before giving an opin-ion as to the probability that she will be able to start to Ceylon by the end of the month.

She got a little sleep last night without mor- - phia which is better than she has done for a number of days. Would you kindly ask Mr. Hosmer not to send the next shipment of our goods until he hears again from us.

I will write again in a day or two and let you know what progress she is making.

I remain

Yours sincerely

Thomas B. Scott

306.

Rec'd APR 4 1905

193 Earl St. Kingston Ont.

Mar. 31st 1905

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Ans'd MAR 4 1905

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

You may never know what a com--fort your letters have always been to me no matter what question has come up. I do not know how to thank you enough for the letter of sympathy received from you today.Nothing could be kinder. It must be a great disappointment to the Board as well as to us that this delay has oome. We do not see that any indiscretion led up to it. And yet here we are not knowing what may be the next step. You have certainly removed a large part of the occasion to feel anxious an-d yet the work seems to need us so much now in Jaffna. Other workers are working under so severe a strain that it seems as if we ought to be there at the earliest possible moment.

Yet there is nothing to do but wait for the moving of the cloud.We needs must follow not go before.

I am sorry for the oversight that made it ne--cessary for you to send the letter back for signature. I enclose it properly signed.

I am glad to report that Mrs. Scott has obtain--ed a little relief from the pain but as yet she has not had proper sleep.I am hoping to find her much better tomorrow.

I r emain

Yours very gratefully

Thos. B. Scott

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REC'D APR 14 1905

193 Earl St. Kingston, 'Ont.

April. 7. '05

ANS'D APR 14 1905

Rev. J.L.Barton.D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

I thank you for the interest you have shown in the things that are of such concern to us at this present time .Your sympathy has been very helpful.

I have delayed writing for a day or two that I might have more to tell .Mrs. Scott is steadily improving and the Dr said this A.M. it was as rapid improvement as he had expected.

He has decided as you will see from the enclosed certificate that we must delay our going for some time yet. I was certain he could do no other yet was hoping against hope that it might be otherwise. As a friend has written we must write our disappointment with a capital"H " His appointment. In that light it is easier to bear cheerfully.

Mrs. Scott is sleeping a few hours each night and, though eating, it is without any appetite, or relish for food.The Dr has from the first put a special nurse on night duty to secure, if not sleep, at least rest.She has been in a measure successful. The severe pain from which she suffered at first has now passed away almost entirely. It is a relief to find that there is no organic disease requiring operation. We cannot easily bear the expense thus entailed but the Dr. was anxious to take the most vigorous measure possible and check the disease as soon as possible. I felt that he was right and I have kept the children away so that

she might not be in any way disturbed. The result has quite justified the measures taken. The Dr. hopes in a short time to dispense with the service of the night nurse while yet keeping her in bed until she has regained complete control of the nervous sys--tem. She is taking little medicine but is being fed on raw eggs and milk in addition to a small amount of solid food.

You will pardon me for referring so fully to all these details but I felt it incumbent on me to lay the matter fully enough before you that you would understand the situation thoroughly.

I am at a loss to know what to do .Personally I feel able for work and if it was only a question of delay I would find something to do to occupy my time. But as it appears at present my duty is to relieve Mrs. Scott of all cares in the home so that she may make uninterrupted progress to recovery. If it was apparent that we were to be turned aside from the Foreign service I would at once take steps to take up some work here but the Dr. has definite opinion that she will be quite able for duty in a reason--able time.But we have already been at home beyond the ordinary length of furlough.The Board may feel with justice that we ought to resign our appointment. My heart is with the people in Jaffna and I fain would continue to labor there .If He has other plans for us we must be willing to hear the call. Had we not gone so far in our preparations to return it might have seemed that this was a finger pointing us in a different way. But as it is I cannot think that such is the case, and explain what appeared to be plain duty two months ago.

Pardon my long letter

I remain Yours Sincerely
Thos. B. Scott

April. 11. '05

P.S.

Dear Dr. Barton.

This letter has been delayed by reason of the fact that I did not get the accompanying letter for enclosure.

I am glad to report that Mrs Scott is still making good progress. There is nothing to say beyond that fact. I had a long talk with the Dr. who is in full sympathy withh our work on the mission field . He is very anxious that Mrs. Scott should have the best possible opportunity to get complete rest. He feels that the time we have spent there is only the preparation to do our best work. I would fain believe that such is the case. I cannot deny , however , that I am a little depressed. This is in all probability due to the fact that I am a bit tired over the strain

I am planning to take the children out to the coun--try where I have some friends whom I can get to help me. In this way I expect to leave Mrs. Scott free either to be with us or to go to some other friends if thereby she can find better opportun--ity for rest.

She is still in the hospital, and it is probable that most of the remaining part of the month will be spent there. At the same time the Dr. and the head nurse are warm in their ex--pressions of pleasure at the rapid recovery she is making.

With best wishes to Mrs. Barton and your--self and again thanking you for your warm words of sympathy

~~I remain~~

I remain

Yours sincerely

Thos B Scott

309.

Rec'd APR 20 1905

193 Earl St. Kingston, Ont.

April, 17, '05

Rev. J.L.Barton.D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton.

Again I have the pleasure of thanking you for a most sympathetic and reassuring letter.

I am at the same time able to report that Mrs. Scott is to be allowed out of the hospital tomorrow. She is very much better and may with ordinary care continue to improve at home as much as at the hospital from this time forward. We hope to be able to find the most helpful way for her to spend the summer.

We are, however, in the midst of another anxiety. Yesterday I took the nurse girl, who has cared for the children so well in Mrs. Scott's absence, to the diphtheria ward of the hospital. How she contracted it we are at a loss to tell. We had the advan--tage of discovering it early, and we trust that the active treat--ment instituted will result in a speedy recovery. I have today made bacteriological cultures from the throats of all the children and from my own. If on microscopical examination tomorrow we find the diph. baccilus we will all be inoculated with antitoxin. At this present, we see no signs of ~~the~~ disease in the children and as we were careful to isolate as soon as we suspected it we hope they have escaped. It will not be certain till the end of the week. We will report again in good time.

We shall be indeed glad to have Miss Caswell accom--pany us to Ceylon.

The young lady who has made application to the Board

and has mentioned Uduvil I have not seen ;but have corresponded with to some extent.I learned of her through a friend and took the liberty of introducing myself to her and of recommending her to enter into correspondence with you.She is highly recommended by her fellow-teachers, and I like very much the spirit of her letters. She is not a college graduate,but her education to enable her obtain the teacher's certificate which she holds is rather better than matriculation to the Univ. In addition she has taken special training in the art of teaching in which exam. she all but led her class. I know the Normal training given where she studied is excel--lent. She has had three or four years experience in teaching and is still only twenty-three years of age.

I mentioned her qualifications to Mr. Hastings and he is of opinion that it is preferable to College training witout Normal training . I have also taken the liberty of asking Miss Howland her opinion but as yet have no reply . I am satisfied that she also will value the technical training.

Again I thank you for your most helpful letter of this morning

With best wishes to Mrs. Barton and self

I remain

Yours sincerely

Thos B Scott

Rec'd APR 26 1905

193 Earl St. Kingston Ont.

April. 24. '05

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton.

It is my happy privilege to be able to write to you that we have been spared from any further illness in the family. The measures taken were blessed of God to the prevention of the spread of the disease. The servant had a very light attack due at least in part to the early treatment. She was discharged from the hospital cured in less than a week. We are all in good healthjust now. Mrs. Scott is better than I had dared to hope she might be with all this anxiety.Steadily she is gaining strength. We have about completed arrangements for going to the country but I shall not change our address yet.

I thank you for your kind words of sympathy. If I can serve you in any way please command me.

It will be a great pleasure to look forward to co-operation of Miss Caswell in our work in Ceylon. I have great expectations from her service to the cause of Christ through the hospital and dispensary.

I remain

Yours most sincerely.

Thos B Scott

311.

BURNBRAE P.O. ONT. CAN.

May 17. '05.

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton.

It is with great pleasure that I write to say that Mrs. Scott is improving in health. We have come out to the country and I think the conditions are such that she will gain rapidly. As yet the improvement is very slow,but we are hoping that in a little time she will do still better.

Personally I am in splendid form. I have not felt so well for ten years,and my weight has passed all previous records. I begin to feel that I have some reserve of strength and my spirits are rising accordingly. The children are all very well, and happy in the new and interesting surroundings. The domestic animals and wild birds are a never ending source of pleasure. I am spending my time out of doors in garden work etc. and find pleasure and profit from it.

Yours Sincerely Thos. B. Scott

Rec'd JUN 19 1905

Burnbrae P.O. Ont. Can. June17. '0

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Ans'd JUN 20 1905

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

Your favor to hand this week. I thank you for your repeated good wishes for the health of Mrs. Scott and myself. Your sympathy encourages me .

I am interested to know that you are arrang--ing for the sailing of Miss Howland and Miss Caswell early in Sept. We, too, were hoping to be ready to sail at that time, and I have written to the N.D.L. S.S. asking for dates of sailing. The dates of Sept. 2nd or 9th seemed to us satisfactory. At the same t Mrs Scott's progress is so slow that I cannot feel quite sure that we ought to engage passage again yet. The Drs. have advised a slight surgical operation and we are arranging for that at the of this month. This is of minor gravity and should not stand in th

way of our departure, if no untoward circumstance should arise in connection with it.

What would you advise? Should we wait till that is over and then decide, or would it be wiser to speak for passage at once?

Perhaps I have not made it sufficiently plain that Mrs. Scott is really gaining. We have an ideal place to rest and she is resting sleeping and eating better than she was although not yet gaining much in weight or strength.

From reports through Mr. Hastings from Jaffna we learn of the fact that Mr. Brown is not able to do full duty. This increases our anxiety to get out to the field as soon as possible. Are you arranging for The ladies to go by German Lloyd?.

What is the result of your enquiries re Miss Airth? Is she a good candidate for Uduvil?

I can report for myself in the most encouraging terms. I am very much stronger than I was last year at this time.

Yours Most Sincerely
Thos. B. Scott.

Burnbrae P.O. Ont. Can.

July 12th '05

Rec'd JUL 15 1905

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear DR. Barton

I wrote you a little time ago that it was our expectation that Mrs. Scott would require to undergo a surgical operation. On the 5th ult. this was performed in the Kingston Gen. Hospital. I remained with her for two days then returned to this home to be with the children. From letters received I learn that she is recovering from the operation very nicely. I am waiting until she obtains discharge from the hospital to ask her surgeon for his opinion as to her fitness to start for Ceylon at an early date. On hearing from him I will write you at once.

I am in good health and keep busy so as to build up my constitution as strong as possible.

I remain Yours very sincerely.

Thos B Scott

acknowledged-

Rec'd JUL 27 1905 314

Burnbrae P.O. Ont. July 25

Ans'd AUG 2 1905

Dear Dr Barton.

I wrote you about a week or so ago. As I said in my previous letter, I intended to ask the Dr. for his opinion as to Mrs. Scott's fitness to go at an early date to Ceylon. Ihave done so and herewith send his reply.

Copy.

"I am pleased to tell you that Mrs.Scott has made an ex--cellent recovery and left the hospital.She has certainly much greater recuperative powers than she had last April.I do not see any good reason why Mrs Scott should not fully regain her strength and be able to take up her work but if ther is no urgency I would advise waiting till Oct,that she might be as fully built up as possible. "

I WOOD M.D.

This is "good news" indeed to us. I think that we may now again begin to make definite plans for our return. Does the former arrangement with the North German Lloyd S.S.Co. hold us to that route.? Or has it been cancelled? If we should go in Oct, it would be a great pleasure to plan to go with Mr.& Mrs. Hastings. They do not care much for the N.D.L. route I believe. Again has the date been definitely fixed for the departure of Miss Howland? I learn that a cable message has asked that Miss Caswell go at once. Do you know what the cause of the urgent call is?

Hoping to hear from you at an early date

I remain

Your very gratefully

Thos B Scott

c/o "New Amsterdam Hotel"
21st St & 4th Ave.
N.Y. –
Until the 26th Sept –
" " "
Pension Polé
Parco Marguerita
– Naples –

Rec'd OCT 2 1905 315.

Thomas D. Scott

Sept. 22nd 05

Kingston Ont.
260 Alfred St.

Ans'd OCT 26 1905

Dear Dr Barton

Your very kind letter written before you started for Seattle to attend the Annual Meeting was received in good time. I thank you for the kind words of farewell and for your good wishes. We

have repeatedly been
cheered by the kindness in
deed & word you have shown
us while we have been at
home. And not from you
alone but every official of
the Board with whom we
have had any relations what-
soever, has shown us uniform
kindness & sympathetic help-
fulness.

Most of my personal

friends are Presbyterian and I have been made to feel that I had severed myself from church life by being under the appointment of the American Board. But from my impressions of the other Missionary Board, gleaned in various ways, I am profoundly thankful that I am associated with the A.B.C.F.M. I have nothing

Thos. B. Scott

the warmest appreciation of all that has been done for my comfort and well-being, and that of my family also either in Ceylon or here in America.

I thank you and through you the members of the Prudential Committee for all that you have done and I pray God that I may be strengthened to do his will in the work committed to my care.

Very Sincerely
Thos B Scott

Rec'd OCT 25 1905
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Naples - Oct 18th

Ans'd OCT 26 1905

Dear Dr. Darton -

I enclose a letter & statement for the Special Expenses we incurred at home for your presentation to the P.O. as you suggested. If this is granted us - will you kindly ask the Treas - Mr H Wiggin - to make out a cheque - payable to Rev D. Macallum - 260 - Alfred St Kingston - and send it to him for T. Scott.

Our party here at Naples - is in good health. We had a pleasant voyage and found the officers and stewards kind and attentive. We encountered very little rough weather. —

We learn that as far as Egypt our outgoing steamer will be very full but I think we will probably have comfortable accomodation. Mr & Mrs Fritts were obliged to pay - some £4 or £5 extra to what had been paid for them and thereby secure first Class accommodation as all second class berths were taken on this and all steamers of the Donal Line for one month hence. I advised him to pay the difference as first Class berths had been reserved for them rather than be detained —

I think you will agree that under the circumstances he has done prudently.

We like Dr & Mrs Fritts and hope they will be able to do good work in Jaffna –

With grateful remembrances of all your kindnesses to us while in America we return with eager expectation to our work after so long an absence – We shall hope to avoid over-work but the prospects are that we will be able to fill our hands with it immediately on our arrival –

With kind regards to Mrs Darbin

I remain

Yours Very Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott.

PS We learn that an explosion of dynamite on a vessel in the Suez Canal so damaged the Canal that had we come on an earlier steamer as anticipated we should probably have been delayed – I do not know why the change was made but I now see the wisdom of it –

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Rec'd OCT 25 1905

Naples. Oct 13. 05

Rev J. L. Barton DD
See A.B.C.F.M.

Rec'd OCT 26 1905

Dear Dr Barton

You will remember that I wrote you some time ago regarding the extra expenses which we had incurred for Hospital treatment for Mrs Scott and myself. Were it not for these. the allowance made us while at home would have been quite fair and adequate.

May I request you to bring these before the Prudential Committee for their consideration. On these several occasions in which such illness as could only be successfully treated in hospital we both were benefitted by medical care. In fact but for the relief thus obtained, I fear neither of us would have been physically fit to return to Ceylon.

We have reached Naples in good health and look forward to another term of service in Jaffna with eager anticipation.

Yours Sincerely
Thos B. Scott

Extra Expenses incurred
for Medical Treatment
By T. B. Scott & family –

Jan. 04	Hospital fees for Mrs Scott –	$28.00
Apr. 04	Expense of visit to Clifton Springs by T. B. Scott	31.87
Sept 04	Hospital fees for T. B. Scott when in hospital for operation –	27.00
Mar 05	Expense of visit to Clifton Springs by Mrs Scott –	39.70
Apr '05	Hospital fees for Mrs Scott –	57.25
July '05	Hospital fees for Mrs Scott	24.00
	Total –	$207.82

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Rec'd DEC 2 1905

Nov. 2nd 05-

Manepay. Jaffna.

Rev J.L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

You will be pleased to hear that we have safely reached our home in Jaffna. We had a very pleasant voyage and to our surprise were not troubled with seasickness.

The children did not give us as much trouble as we feared on the way. We had good weather and the service rendered us by the ship's officials was very satisfactory—

We reached Colombo on Monday Oct. 30th and by active efforts managed to conclude all business and take the train next morning for Jaffna. By nine o'clock in the evening we reached Bhavagachery. By request of Mr Brown we spent the night there and came home next morning.

Dr. Thompson who came to assist in the work has won golden opinions from all.

We have already formed a high opinion of his ability as a Physician and as a man of fine Xtn spirit. The mission has been very fortunate in securing his services and we are very happy in the fact that he keeps the hospital going efficiently while we are unpacking and getting settled.

The Manepay Church has at various times during the past three years held special services of prayer that we might recover health and return to Jaffna. In keeping with this instead of tom-toms, fire works, and elaborate flattery, they called a meeting of several of the neighboring churches for a Thanksgiving service on the first day of our arrival. This was a real pleasure to us.

Dr. Curtis our Tamil assistant has done very efficient service in the hospital in our absence. to which all bear glad testimony and for which we are very grateful.

We now look forward to another term of service with real joy. If God, our Father,

spares us to this work we shall indeed rejoice. And having learned much during the past years we shall hope that through our work even greater blessing may come upon the churches with which we have to do. This we know can only come by the blessing of God. For this we pray and to this end we shall labor.

Of mission matters we cannot write to-day as we have hardly yet become familiar with the present situation. We shall write again.

Perhaps we may venture the information which may not be news to you that another daughter has been born to Mr & Mrs Dickson.

With grateful remembrance of all your kindness

I remain

Your Sincerely

Thos D Scott

Rec'd JUL 25 1906

Ans'd AUG 3 1906

Manepay, Jaffna, Ceylon.
June 22. '06

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton.

Your letter of May 14th to hand. There is no question in it to which I need reply. We are deeply interested in the success of the effort which has been made and is still being made to increase the resources of the Board. It is encouraging to hear you say that your "inclination is not so much to cut down, as to bend all energies to build up." I think none of us here have thought that you willingly cut down the appropriations. We are assured of your sympathy with us.

Personally, I am flattered by your reference to our work. But, seeing that I am in the medical work, -a task which "is equal to the strength of any man", and along with it have a fair share of evangelistic work to do which is "more than any one man can do without breaking down", can we not see some hope of an extra man being sent out to take a part of this work. I assure you I have no wish to ~~xxxx~~ "break down". It would indeed be a great sorrow to me if after so many years here I were not able to continue to serve in this field.

At the same time, it need not be told that we are in great straits for fresh workers. We shall be very glad if the Board will soon see its way clear to send out Mr Bicknell to the general work of the mission.

We learn with great regret that you cannot give us definite

news of Mr & Mrs Hastings. We had hoped to have them with us ere this.

Mr & Mrs Brown and Mr & Mrs Dickson have returned from the Hills. Mr Brown is much improved by these weeks's stay at Kodai, tho not really in good health. As Mr Hastings has not returned as we expected, I have felt that I could do no other than agree to the proposal that Mr Brown should remain to help us throught the year, altho for his sake I realize that he ought to have gone home. He and Mrs Brown have accepted the situation as cheerfully as possible, and are planning to remain till next March, tho hoping against hope that some way will be opened to relieve them earlier. The mission in view of the above, and the need of conserving their health, have voted that they live at Inuvil for the remaining part of this year.

In the meantime we will patiently wait, or impatiently wait, for definite news of the date of the return of Mr & Mrs Hastings. I say --impatiently wait--, for indeed the need of his presence is keenly felt. The college must change its curriculum to suit Madras Univ. curriculum. Again the near future seems appropriate for bringing up once more the question of a Union College. For both of these reasons his presence is imperative.

Still we know that he is as anxious to return as we are to have him. As in our own case, I can see how difficult it is for him to decide on a definite date. So when I say --impatiently wait-- , I have no thought of criticizing his present action. The Missionaries good-naturedly rubbed it into me when I returned, that they had felt that I ought to have written oftener to inform them how things stood, even if I could not make definite statements of dates fixed etc. I cannot blame them , for I see how they were situated, and the anxiety they had for the medical work consequent on Dr Curr's furlough being over-due. I shall take pleasure in passing on the rub.

Can you let us know when we may expect Dr. Curr? Is there not a hope that Mr Bicknell may return to take up work in this field? We would reiterate that he would be gladly welcomed. Not only so but we would again reiterate that the work needs imperatively another worker to lead in evangelistic work.

As our number of ordained pastors decreases, we feel increasingly the necessity of one of the missionary force giving more time to the remaining force to meet the demands of the time. Hitherto the native pastor has not shown the aggressiveness in evangelistic work that we have hoped for. To make matters worse, we who are here are so closely tied to our special departments that it must inevitably appear to them that we are not as much interested in that form of work as our predecessors. The fact is that never a meeting passes that this is not the burden of our conversation, but how to meet the situation does not appear unless you will send us another man. Can you not put real life into our hope once more?

Shortly before the time of her expected return from Kodai, Miss Root met with an accident and has not been able to return. I expect she has written you. As we understand it, she fell and injured her leg and the doctors feared there was some danger from the inflammation that resulted. (phlebitis) We have just heard that she has been told to expect to be able to return in two weeks from date.

In the meantime Miss S.R.Howland is carrying on the work in Uduvil School alone. As noted in our former letter we have thought it best to continue to carry on the two Boarding Schools at Uduvil under one management and one staff as last year. But it is too large for one person. We wish Miss Green had been here. Can you tell us when to expect her? She will be a welcome addition to our force.

We have received your letter re the combination of the Medical work, and will of course take your advice. The answers to the question circular, however, will be forwarded to you that you may see how the matter appears to us. This may be of use to you in the future. The hospital has been quite full during the year. But despite the closing of Inuvil, we have been able to take in all who have come to us and give them the attention they required. I do not think there has been any real lack of needed care to the sick altho there are doubtless some who would have preferred a womans' hospital for women.

I note that you, at the Rooms, prefer to send out a nurse, for whom we are waiting, not as a missionary but as a nurse.. Well, let her come anyway. If she will work in harmony with the Doctor at the hospital, it does not make a great difference whether she comes as an appointed missionary or not..You know that it seemed to me wise to send her as a missionary.

I wonder if you have had your attention called to the fact that there has recently passed the Legislature Council of Ceylon an ordinance requiring all physicians practising English medicine to be registered. This promises trouble for us as a mission. All physicians who hold Eng. qualifications will be registered without a question. So I am told will those who hold qualifications from a Canadian College as one of the colonies. But the ordinance declares that no one will be allowed to practise who comes from a country where graduates of the Ceylon Medical College are not allowed to practise without an examination. In other words those countries that accept the Ceylon graduates as licensed practitioners will have the same courtesy extended to them. Now you will

see that this rule will cut out all graduates from most if not all of the states of the Union. Strictly speaking it ought to rule out all Canadian graduates also. But the registrar tells me that they make this distinction with the hope that Canada will reciprocate.

This clause was inserted not on the iniative of this colony but by the powers that be in London. Similar legislation has been passed in the Malayan states, and is under contemplation for India. It is hoped ultimately to obtain world-wide registration. This may come in time, but in the meantime I anticipate trouble for the Mission Boards.

I am led to expect that Mrs Scott will be registered, tho holding a New York degree, because she can show that for the past number of years she has practised successfully in Ceylon. On the strength of this and not on her diploma she will be registered. This action will not affect Dr Curr, but it will have to be carefully considered if any physician should be appointed from the United Stataes.

A special meeting of the mission was held at Tellipallai, on the 26th of May. After the introductory reading of minutes etc. we voted on all special gifts received since our last meeting All were voted as sent.

A difference having arisen between the manager of the Batticotta High School and Mr J.P.Cooke the retiring head-master, as to the ownership of the school we reviewed the situation and voted as follows:- " Moved that the secretary be authorized to write to Mr J.P.Cooke stating that our review of the history of the Batt. High School as shown by Mr Cooke's letters, mission reports, and other information at our disposal, has convinced us that we have a definite claim on the school. We therefore have decided to ask the Jaffna College Board of Directors to assume the relation we have hitherto

Thos B Scott
Sec RBM

maintained, and in the meantime we ask Mr Cooke to retain the headmastership until the Board meets. The Mission appoints Mr Dickson to act as managerof the school at the request of Mr Hitchcock"

As we learned later Mr Cooke objected to this transfer of our claims so the matter was deferred.

Ar shown in my previous letter we asked the Catechist at Moolai to resign at the end of June. He has obeyed our instructions but has brought us a bill for arrears which after verifying we have felt called to settle. It amounts to over Rs200. This leads us to make a regulation that we will not hold ourselves responsible for future arrears of salaries to our catechists, unless the mission votes to approve the salaries paid by the church. This vacancy has been filled by Mr Albert Candiah one of the recent theological students.

Some other changes in the disposition of workers was approved. A new teacher was appointed for Uduvil, and a vote was passed to purchase a small piece of land adjoining the school as it is very necessary to enlarge the premises with so large a number of pupils.

The headmaster of Tellipallai Training School having resigned it was voted to ask Mr P.L.Christian who has acted for four years as preacher at Udupiddi to fill the position. He however declined and the post is still vacant. This is a very important post as the future character of our village school teachers depends very largely on the character of the headmaster.

Dr Scott was voted permission to go to Colombo for dentistry. We shall look forward to letters at an early date apprising us of the coming of Mr and Mrs Hastings and Mr & Mrs Bicknell for we feel that nothing less than these two can meet our immediate need and save us to the work .

Yours Sincerely

Thos B Scott

Sec A.B.M.

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Manepay, Jaffna, Ceylon Aug. 4. '06

Rev. J.L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

Herewith the Estimates for the year 1907. They have been very carefully prepared, and we ask for nothing that is not a real necessity for the carrying on of the work in a satisfactory way.

Indeed we have not asked what we all feel is one of our most crying needs viz: a grant for theological training of students. It was pointed out in the report of last year, but probably it escaped your notice, that we had a class of young men completing their course in Jaffna Colleg who were eminently fitted for the pastoral work. But the delay in the return of Rev R.C. Hastings has made it impossible for us to undertake a regular class. Naturally these young men have been forced to take up other work. Some of them will doubtless drift away from the thought of the ministry. We have two still available both of whom are well educated. If we could keep them or start them now at regular theological study, we would expect that they would prove valuable additions to our pastoral staff. Both are employed in Jaffna College at present. Another graduate is helping in evangelistic work and I have good reason to believe he will make this his life work. The time is opportune, the need is imperative, yet we shrink from making a request only to have it refused. If there is any hope that the funds of the Board will allow it we shall doubtless hear from you.

An extra has been entered that we cannot be denied. The mission house at Manepay is in such a bad condition that we must at once prepare to repair it. It has been built for over fifty years and no extensive repair has been put on the roof. Now it is in such urgent need of repair that it is not safe for us to live

in it longer without some risk. We have had carpenters look it over and they report that several timbers in the main roof, several others in the side rooms and verandahs are in a dangerous condition. So far has this gone that the walls are cracked open in places two inches.

Some years ago the roof of one of our mission houses at Manepay fell in and it was only by direct Proviential means that Mrs Green escaped with her life. We do not wish to be incurring risks all the time, nor do we think that the Board intends that we should. The House Fund does not meet such extra repairs but barely keeps things in trim in the way of ordinary repairs. I am sure that you will heed this request ,so sure that we are getting to work to prepare materials for its completion.

Since the two Boarding schools were amalgamated at Uduvil, and in consequence a much larger number of pupils congregated there, it has been pressed in upon us that we have not sufficient room to provide for sanitary surroundings. A piece of land closely adjoining the compound came on the market. If it were bought by outsiders the probability was that it would prove a nuisance to the Boarding School. This circumstance together with our urgent need, and the probability that if it were sold to others we should never again find the opporturnity of purchasing, and further remembering that when you were here you sanctioned such purchase, and gave us to understand that you believed that funds would be provided, we decided to buy. The purchase has been completed and at the comparatively small cost of Rs 990.($330.) The opportunity to confer with you was not afforded us; but we believe that the W.B.M. will feel that under the circumstances we did what was right and will provide for the extra item thus brought into account.

We have not taken out our urgent request for some aid for our primary education notwithstanding that we have asked several times and have been denied. The Department of Public Instruction has come forward with such stringent conditions for training schools that unless we are able to pay a larger salary we cannot induce pupils to study for teachers. We are doing our best to point this out to the D.P.I. but we must also

also look to you for some assistance. The whole policy of the Ceylon Govt. has so changed with regard to educational matters, that it looks to some of us as if we are about to lose what for so long we have regarded as one of our very valuable assets in mission work. A new ordinance providing for compulary education is now before us. This will in all probability bring more children into school but it carries along with it a conscience clause that will make it difficult for us to work under it. Not only so but it is proposed to make certain committees take supervision of whole districts on which there is little probability that any but Sivite members shall be elected. If no Christian or missionary can find a place on the committee it is not to be expected that our mission schools will find much to their advantage. In fact we may be put under such restrictions that we shall be compelled to discontinue our primary educational work. When this happens we lose our hold on the children, and we need not tell you what that means.

Since beginning this letter we have learned of the death of Dr Judson Smith. Our sympathies are with the Board and more especially with the bereaved members of his family. We have not had very direct communication with him but we all knew what valuable assistance he gave to the Board and to the cause of missions in general. May He who has called him home provide another to take his place !

We are still anxiously looking for news of the return of R.C.Hastings and Mrs. Hastings at an early date. With them Miss Green will doubtless come if not before them.

We are looking with pleasure on the reports of the effort to increase the resources of the Board this year, and we on our part are trying to lead our people into a larger apprehension of the privilege of giving to the Lord's work in Ceylon.

With our united kinds regards to all

I remain

Yours faithfully

Thomas B. Scott

Sec. A.C.M.

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Manepay, Jaffna, Ceylon.

Sept. 4.'06

Rec'd OCT 5 1906

Rev. J.L.Barton.D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton.

Two days ago the sorrowful news reached us that Mr R.C.Hastings had resigned his connection with the Board for the present. It cast a gloom over us all and as it becomes known to the Tamil public it will be received with universal regret. We take it for granted that this decision has been occasioned by the state of Mrs Hastings health and we are much grieved. We all unite in the prayer that she may soon be restored to health, and that in the course of time he will yet come to us.

We shall be very glad indeed if Dr Howland can consent to come to us. We feel so strongly that there is a work here for him that none of us may ever hope to do. If he sees it his duty he will not fail us, and if it is not God's plan for this work we will not ask it.

We met as a mission yesterday. It had become evident to us that even if no help came, we must send Mr & Mrs Brown on furlough. It was voted unanimously that they proceed immediately on furlough, and they will probably start before the middle of the present month. We have divided their work amongst us not in the expectation that we can do it but at least we have it nominally under our hands in

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Manepay, Jaffna, Ceylon Ans'd NOV 15 1906
Sept. 7th '06

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

I wrote you last week, but I had this letter on the stocks, and partly written before the other was begun.

We have sent you a cable to inform you that our force is being depleted at this end also. The information it affords you will enable you to send the necessary cash to the right person. It was not with light hearts that we recorded our vote "that Mr & Mrs Brown should proceed immediately on furlough", but the inevitable had to be faced and met as courageously as possible. They are not able to work now. If they go at once they may recruit and return in time to help us later.

We shall watch the post now as eagerly as ever till we hear what you are able to do for us. We are highly delighted to hear you say that you fell sure that the work here needs two men. But in the light of the last circular (July 27, 1906 - 278) we are afraid to take the comfort it would otherwise afford us. If the secretaries letters letters are not to mean anything unless bearing the stamp "approved by the P.C." we, missing the stamp this time, may only take your letter as a love letter. We cannot do without your sympathy, so send us the "love letters" but let the business end not be missing. Can't you have a rubber stamp made on the lines suggested above, one negative, and one positive, and without any loss of time on your part or any loss of encouragement on ours our correspondence will proceed. It seems to us that that circular is, lacking in dignity, if not puerile.

We have been having some interesting meetings which have not been reported to you. Early in Aug. a C.E.Rally was held at Uduvil to which members from societies in our own and in the C.M.S. missions sent delegates. It was indeed a good tonic to see so many earnest interested young people. If we can rightly direct them into active work it promises much for the Kingdom.

The "annual meetings" of the Student Foreign Missionary Soc. and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were held on one day in combination at Uduvil The finances of both showed a balance on the right side. The reports of work done were interesting although the results that could be tabulated did not differ materially from those we send you from time to time. Mr G.S.Eddy and a Tamil pastor from So India (Rev A Kingsbury) both addressed the meeting and encouraged the audience to continue actively at work. In the P.M. this gave two addresses calculated to stimulate and develop a truer spiritual life. Mr Eddy spoke strongly of the worldliness that has settled down us, and there are some evidences that it has not been in vain. If we can only get the people to work they will profit as individuals and we as a church shall reap the fruit. But here we need the leadership to start such work and keep it from from failure.

A conference or rather a series of conferences has been held during the past month. Mr Eddy and three Tamil men from So. India held first two days in the Tilly Church and then three days in one of the churches of the C.M.S. Mission . Following these a series of addresses in each of the three principal colleges. Each centre of meetings was a centre of deep interest. The people heard with much interest. We are hoping for fruit "that will abide" from it.

A meeting of the Mission was held at Uduvil July 21st. I should have sent you the abstract of this meeting earlier. Granted!!? I view of your letter asking us to defer any action on the question of combination of the two medical Departments it was "moved that Mr C.C.Brown edit the answers to the circular, omitting Q.No 5, and put them on file with the secretary, and that the Prudential Committee be informed that these will be forwarded if requested" Please consider that you are hereby notified that our opinions are on file and can be called for if you so desire.

With regard to the difference of opinion over the Batt. High School, Mr Brown was asked to prepare a statement of our position and a sub-committee composed of all the male members of the Mission

including Mr Hitchcock was appointed to meet Mr Cooke in conference. This has been done and on our agreeing first to appoint Mr Cooke to be Head-Master Emeritus and associate manager of the school (the missionary to have full power to act if there should be disagreement); and second that if it should be deemed wise at any future to pass over the management of the school to any individual Tamil manager we shall recommend that it be given to a Christian member of the Cooke family resident at Batticotta, we were mutually satisfied and Mr Cooke has retired from the school

In carrying out the provisions of a recent circular we appointed Mrs Brown and Miss Root to look over the Mission records and select what ought to be sent home. Since this vote was taken it was decided at a subsequent meeting that the names of Miss Howland and Mrs Hitchcock be substituted, for reasons that will appear.

Miss Root was granted permission to ask for leave to proceed on furlough in the early part of the year. (Mar or April)

Plans were laid looking forward to the Board's centennial and we agreed to begin this year to take up an annual offering at the Oct Meeting for a Centennary Fund to be devoted to various forms of church work in Jaffna. The meeting for this year is called to meet at Manepay when the scheme will be inaugurated. We aim at Rs. 20$000

It was voted that we do not print a report this year but that each Missionary write a report of his work in duplicate and that Mr Dickson be the compiler. As our reports are apt to be late we voted to read these on Thanksgiving Day in common meeting. Statistics will be compiled for the end of the year before it is forwarded to you.

It was voted that Dr Scott immediately take step to provide for the repair of the Manepay Mission Bungalow. Some minor repairs on the houses of the workers at Moolai, and Chavagacherry were approved.

DrCurr's head nurse who has been acting at Manepay was voted to enter Uduvil English School until Dr Curr's return to make herself more efficient in English thereby adding to her value to the women's Medical Mission.

Anna Maria who for years was Mrs Hastings fac totum was appointed as Matron of the General Hospital at Manepay and the acting matron reverts to her former position as head nurse. These changes are already effected and are working well.

Some slight increase in salaries was voted to certain teachers in the Boarding School

// Largely in view of the proposed furloughs of Mrs Brown and Miss Root and the consequent increased work of those who remain, and with the knowledge that there is a real desire on the part of the people to have Mrs Smith with us again ,it was voted that "we cordially inviteMrs Smith to return to Jaffnafor evangelistic work in the villages with the Bible Women, and that we ask the Women's Board to assume her support" Miss Howland was appointed to write the invitation in the name of the Mission. //

The estimates which have been already sent to you were approved at this meeting.

We are pleased at the prospect that one of our most spiritually minded professors of Jaffna College(Mr J.K.Chinnatamby) is offering himself for the ministry. We hope to provide for him in one of our churches but we cannot tell now where it will be. This will be a loss to the college but our need of strong pastors is so great that we think he can do more for Christ in the pastorate.

Before you get this you will probably have reported to us who is to come to our assistance.

With our united best wishes for the success of the work of the Board in all directions

I remain

Yours in the Master's service

Thos B Scott

Sec.A.C.M.

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Ans'd NOV 15 1906

Manepay Jaffna , Ceylon.
Sept. 19'06

Rev. J.L.Barton.D.D.
Sec. AB.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton.

We the members of the American Ceylon Mission wish to draw your sympathetic attention to the following.

You are aware that MrW.E.Hitchcock has been acting as Principal of Jaffna College for the past two years. You may not be so well aware of the fact that he has at the same time taken charge of the mission work at Batticotta Station for the greater part of this time. He has been mission auditor and Mrs Hitchcock has taken charge of the Bible women of that field. They have met with us in council and have acted as if they were regularly appointed missionaries of the Board. Both of them have given their lives to this work. In college work, in church work, in village work, in Am. Mission councils ,and in all the various general interests of the mission circle they have taken an equal share. Their work is as valuable as that of any of us. To all intents and purposes they are one of us.

We would like to ask that they be placed on the same footing in the matter of allowances. Their expenses are the same as ours. But they are are not receiving what we believe they are entitled to in that respect.

A glance at your Jaffna College Foreign fund will show you that they are allowed from that fund $1100. per annum only. This does not provide for their children nor does it take account of the expenses that as a missionary family they must meet.

They have one son in America. They have another here. The latter must go to the Kodai School this next year. The expenses for board, tuition, and books, the travelling expenses, and extra warm clothing for the Hills will cost little less than Rs600. per annum.

While it may not be unfair to ask a young couple with no responsibilities and no family to live on less than a missionary family, it is only just that in this case the same allowance should be made that is made to us. May I point out to you what that means?

At the same rates as our allowances were calculated it would be:

One child in America.....$250.00	$250.00
One child(over seven years)at 10% rate	110.00
Health travelling allowance for man and wife	80.00
Allowance for the upkeep of a horse	66.66
total...	$ 506.66

As their physician I am aware of the fact that they are not in perfect health at present. This is chiefly due to the fact that they did not feel able to go to the Hills last year. I am not betraying confidence if I say that the care and education of their children weighs heavily upon them.

Now it seems to us eminently fair that for the assistance they give to the mission they ought to be made allowances as indicated above. If for any reason this is impossible, we beg you to lay the matter before the trustees of the Jaffna Colleg Foreign Fund and secure for them the same as for us. It is not because we get it that we ask, but because we know that it is not one whit more than provides for our economical support.

Your sympathies are with us. It requires no more than that we place this before you to secure your hearty support. If this can take effect from the time they assumed these duties 1905&1906 it is only what is fair and just.

I remain

Yours in His service

Thos B Scott

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

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Manepay, Jaffna, Ceylon.
Oct. 18/'06

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton.

Your letter of Sept. 12th did not reach me until after our Annual Meeting was over or I would have taken pleasure in bringing it before the assembly. However altho that particular letter did not come to us, the Am Board was by no means out of our thoughts. In fact more than usual prominence was given to the Board in the program. We are waiting to hear that, as you expected, the Annual Meeting was a "grand success ", and that more than enough to meet the debt has been offered to the Lord's work.

We have launched a scheme this year which we fondly hope will be productive of good results as time goes by. Briefly its history to date is as follows:-

In Feb of this year Mrs Scott was reading the special announcement given in the Congregationalist of the plan for the "Haystack Centennial" movement, and turning to me said "why should not our Jaffna Christians raise a fund for the centennial of the beginning of the Board's work in Ceylon?" We talked it over for a little, and when later in the day a Tamil Christian lady called we asked her if she thought such a scheme would meet with a warm response from the Tamil people. She replied " I am sure it would and I will give fifty rupees towards it."

Later I saw Rev G.G.Brown and spoke with him. He at once took up the proposal heartily and in due time it was discussed at the Mission meeting and again in the Council of the Congregational Church.

It was decided to ask for a thank-offering at our annual meeting each year for the succeeding ten years. The fund thus raised to be kept in Jaffna ~~and controlled~~ by the Mission and the C.C.C. for evangelistic work. Each member was sent an envelope like the one enclosed into which the gift was placed and brought to the Oct. Meeting (Oct 12th at Manepay). To all outside members envelopes were sent with the request to send them back to the Treas.

The program of the Annual Meeting called for an address on the topic, "God's gift to Jaffna thro the Am Board". At the close of a strong and stirring address by Rev C.D.Velupillai, the pastor of the Manepay church the offering was called for. The collecting trays soon proved too small to carry the envelopes. As filled, they were brought forward and emptied on the Speakers' table. Some in the audience who

had not received envelopes called for them. It was the most enthusiastic collection I have ever seen taken up in Jaffna. When the collectors had finished, the whole audience rose to their feet, and repeated twice in unison" The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad" and one of the pastors offered prayer for God's blessing on the money thus raised, and on the work of the Board.

The Treas. reported ere the meetings for the day were over that the collection had amounted to rupees five hundred (Rs 500) which with pledges and offerings received from outside is now augmented to rupees six hundred and twenty five (Rs 625)

The complement of the effort for a fund for evangelistic work, is to be a fund for primary educational work. We propose to raise this by mites from the pupils in the village schools and by subscriptions and gifts from Non-Christians who have benefited by the educational policy of the mission. These gifts ,as the others, will be collected during these succeeding ten years.

We have modestly set ourselves the minimum limit for the former fund Rs 20.000. For the later not less should be realized.

The program of the meeting enclosed will show that we were not content with asking for a gift in money. The thought emphasized by the speakers throughout the day was the need of a revival in Jaffna. But the whole afternoon meeting session rang with the refrain God is calling us to work. Let us arise and build up a people for His Name. When at the close of the day a rising vote was asked of those who would go out with the determination to do more work and especially personal work for Christ, a large part of the audience rose as one man to their feet.

We were not surprised, for we have felt that that there is a rising tide of interest in the Kingdom of God. For several days before the meeting in each church prayer meetings were held in all the churches for a blessing on the meeting and on the churches. In several of the churches these meetings were held early in the morning and again in the evening with much interest. On the Sunday before the meeting sermons were preached in all the churches calling attention to what the Lord had wrought in Jaffna thro the Board.

The end is not yet. Nay we hope it is but the beginning of far greater things. Several have expressed the fact that the meeting was a blessing to them, but better far we see its results in more enthusiastic work being done among the heathen. May the Blessed Lord grant to us now a refreshing!

We had hoped to hear before this that you had made an appointment of a new missionary to our field. Perhaps the announcement will be made in the next mail. It doubtless will come, but let it be soon. We are all well and fairly busy

Yours in the Master's service
Thos. B. Scott
Sec. A.B.C.M.

OCTOBER ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Friday.Oct.12.'06

A.M.

10. --10.30 Service of Song — Rev.E.P.Holton

10.30--10.45 Scripture Reading and prayer — Rev.J.M.Sanders

10.45--11.15 Sermon "Christ lifted up" — Rev.S.Veerakatty

11.15--12 Communion Service — Rev.S.Eliatamby

Rev.E.P.Holton

12. --12.30 Address "God's gift to Jaffna through the Am. Board"

Rev.C.D.Velupillai

12.30--12.45 Thank-offering and prayer

P.M. Intermission for one hour

2. --2.30 Prayer meeting for a revival in our churches

Wm.Mather Esq.

ADDRESS - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev E P Holton

2.30--2.50 Address "The divine call to Service". — Rev.T.B.Scott

2.50--3.10 Address "Personal Work". — Miss.H.I.Root

3.10--3.40 Three "Ten minutes addresses",

(1)The business Man's opportunity for Personal Work,

(2)The Professional Man's opportunity for Personal Work,

(3)The Teacher's opportunity for Personal Work,

Messers S.C.Arnold,E.Tilliampalam,and S M Kandiah

Closing Exercises

Please note that the meeting is to be held on FRIDAY THE12th

Let us come together with prayer that a revival may speedily appear

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Ans'd NOV 26 1906

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Manepay Jaffna, Ceylon
Oct.23.'06

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.
Sec. Board of Trustees of Jaffna College
Dear Dr Barton

It becomes my duty to address you again as seceretary of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College. Rev G.C.Brown having left us it has become necessary to appoint a successor and I have been asked to take up the work.

I have to report a meeting of the full directorate called to to consider the resignation of Rev R.C. Hastings and the raising of the Local Endowment, and the question of Union College.

We could do no other than accept the resignation, and a motion of hearty appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Rev R.C.Hastings as Principal for upwards of seven years was unanimously carried. The hope that he be able to return to Jaffna in the near future was also expressed by all.

It was then voted "that the Trustees of the Foreign Fund in America be asked to send out Rev. J. Bicknell to the principalship of the College, and that failing this appointment they be asked to secure some one who has had some experience in higher educational work to be a professor in the College." They did not ask you in the latter alternative to appoint another principal because it was felt that it was best that the new man come out and prove that he was a suitable man for the appointment before it was offered to him. At the same time it was intended that if he should prove the right man he would be appointed.

Mr W.E Hitchcock was present at the meeting and expressed himself as desirous of such an appointment as he felt that he was not fitted by nature for the position of leader. Several expressed the wish that he would consider but as he demurred it was not actually brought to a vote. I am sure that he will give a hearty welcome to Mr Bicknell if he should come.

A part of your letter to Mr Hitchcock was read in which you said that it might be necessary to turn aside a part of the Rockefeller gift from Jaffna College if the local endowment was not speedily raised. This had the effect of toning up the Directors.

No doubt you intended it as a tonic. IT was felt that the marvellous offer you had made was in danger of being lost to us. We all desire that the endowment be raised. It was pointed out that the method employed thus far was unsuccessful, and in the very nature of the case would prove unsuccessful in this land where men had to be asked personally to make gifts to public Institutions. Simple appeals in the public press will not suffice, and it is doubtful if it evere succeeds.

It was voted that Dr Scott and Mr A.M.Chittampalam be a committee of two, with power to call on any of the directors or professors for assistance, to secure the balance of the endowment. So it is up against me to lead this campaign. It is not an agreeable task but I would not shrink from it if I could give myself to it. But you know that it means that other work which imperatively waits for me must bn postponed in part at least. To give one's thought to this and at the same time to give thought to medical or evangelistic work is to decide that none of it shall be well done. At the same time it was felt that this needed to be done and done now. The Board of Directors respectfully request that you give them until Dec. 31st 1907 to complete the fund. I have no doubt in my own mind that we can get the promises with comparative ease, by personal canvas but it is a matter of no small difficulty to get it paid in. Yet we are willing to make an effort if we are spared and given strength for it. After Dr Curr returns I may again leave her to do what she can for Manepay work as well as her own until we get this matter fairly well through.

Union College then came up for discussion but we were disappointed that no scheme was brought for our acceptance or otherwise. I think it was probably reported to you that an informal meeting, nay a formal meeting, of all the missionaries in Jaffna was called by Rev G.G.Brown at Inuvil in June to discuss this question. The Wesleyan missionaries under the leadership of Rev G.J Trimmer flatly refused to consider any scheme that was not brsught forward by the Jaffna College Board of Directors. Rev G.G.Brown then decided that he would bring a scheme to the Directors and try their temper on the question. But he left us without working out his proposals. Rev J Thomson who is on our Board was expected to bring a scheme but he was not present. Considerable discussion was however given to it.

But several of us felt that the time was not opportune for such action. Without a principal or rather just when we are asking a new appointment of a principal, and again when we are planning a hot campaign for funds, to bring to a vote the question of Union was to tie the hands of those most immediately concerned in the matter.

I think tho no vote was taken that a majority were in favor of some scheme for union, but this is to some of us no more than the feeling that theoretically this is good but that practically it is insoluble. There are others who are warmly in favor of it felling that it is not impracticable. It was however felt that so long as Rev G.J Trimmer has the control of the Wesleyan vote little or nothing can be done. Still the sentiment of many of the younger members of the Wesleyan Mission is in favor of union and not the least so the present principal of Central College the Wesleyan Institution.

I think it is evident that some scheme will be proposed and discussed but whether a practicable plan can be agreed upon or not I have my doubts. It would not wait for consummation if it were a question of the missions only, but the difficulty in to plan for fair representation of our Tamil Brethern of the ~~present~~ College Board of Directors. It is feared by them that they will not be well represented and I do not see how it is possible to give them anything like the power they enjoy in the present directorate. Therefore I who long to see our Tamil brethern induced to take responsible positions fear that we shall be prvented from developing their latent abilities by this new proposal.

We shall wait with interest to hear what you will do for us in the matter of a principal.

I remain

Yours very Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott

Sec. Bd Directors

of Jaffna College.

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This is written by a B.A. of this last class from Jaffna College.

A NEW SCIENCE MASTER FOR WESLEY COLLEGE.

APPOINTMENT OF THE REV P. T. CASH, B. SC.

Good news for Wesley College arrived by the last mail, the Rev. H. Highfield, Principal of the College, being informed by the home authorities of the appointment of the Rev. Percy T. Cash, B. Sc., London, as the new science lecturer for the college. The new appointment was the result of a strong appeal, made a few months ago by the Principal to the home authorities, as to the immediate need of an assistant to cope with the more responsible work, particularly in the science department in the new college. The Rev. Mr. Cash, who was only very recently ordained, will arrive in Ceylon before Christmas.

TRINITY COLLEGE, KANDY.

ARRIVAL OF REV. AND MRS. WALMSLEY.

Rev. A M Walmsley, M.A., who has come out to join Trinity College, Kandy, arrived by the "Prinz Regent Luitpold" today, accompanied by Mrs. Walmsley. The former holds the first-class certificate of the Borough Road Training College and is a graduate of Cambridge University. Mrs. Walmsley is herself a trained teacher and a Bachelor of Science. We offer both a hearty welcome to Ceylon and congratulate Trinity College and all concerned on the strengthening of their staff by the addition of two such able teachers.

to the home authorities as Rev. H. Highfield did, to send only those who have specialized themselves in a recognised American university, in those subjects, which they are coming over here to teach. The native staff should be recruited only by able and experienced hands. If you fail to do this, our college is sure to deteriorate, and before long will be considered a zero, bringing dishonour both to the Old boys, and to the American Ceylon Mission.

Yours faithfully
S. R. Rasaratnam

Private

Manepay, Jaffna, Ceylon.

Ans'd FEB 8 1907

Nov. 12/'06

Rev. J.L.BARTON D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

Your last letter with the "good news" that the million dollar aim had been reached was received last mail, and in it we all rejoice with you. That the debt is once again cleared and the way made plain for really overtaking the pressing calls or at least the most pressing calls is cause for great rejoicing.

We anticipate that we also with others will find that the "sympathetic" expressions of the secretaries may be followed up by the sympathetic votes of the prudential committee. The letter which we sent you telling of our "annual meeting" rejoicings we regret was so soon followed by the news of the failure of the bank. We do not yet know what we shall get out of it as no statement has been made of its affairs.

Your letter does not raise our hopes very high that Mr Bicknell will come to us. Well he knows our need and doubtless he also will carefully consider the case. If the parents do not put too strong obstacles in the way all may be well.

Your letter with suggestions re union college has not yet been taken up in mission altho we have informally talked one with another about it. It does not seem to us to offer a solution of the problem. There is a warmer sentiment on the part of some for "union" but the overwhelming sentiment of our people is not for it, but against it I am led to believe. As I have tried to make collections for the local endowment I find that the proposition for union dries up the stream of sympathy and the giver does not care to give.

I personally am not in favor of any scheme yet proposed nor have I any to offer better than we have heard. I do not much believe in the popular cry for union that we hear of nowadays. Perhaps

that is not much to my creit. So let it pass. But to say because others are talking of union we must go in for it tho we are not in sympathy with one another enough to work harmoniously will only decrease our efficiency rather than increase it.

What stumbles me quite as much as the difficulty of making a scheme of practical working of the uniting bodies is the tremendous expenditure of new buildings that must follow. If all the churches at home that talk of union were to say we will unite but we will not use our existing buildings but build new ones few would have the business ability to grasp the scheme warmly. Well that is where we are. Neither Jaffna College nor Central College is willing to say well lets have union by one joining the other just where we stand and utilizing the buildings we already have. The Wesleyans have not buildings that we could use. Jaffna College has, with a fair amount of modification and improvement. But that will not induce the W.M.S. to come to Batticotta. They look to us to put money into a scheme that in a way will relieve them, otherwise union is not thought of.

To spend Rs 150,000 for new plant and equipment and have nothing left for working any better than we do today is not prudent. Moreover we have not the money to spend in that way.

We can get our local endowment, and with your offer made good we can do a work that needs to be done.

A union college would turn aside entirely the tide that we depend on for workers. As it is, the Wesleyans, C.M.S. take the men that are in warm sympathy with us by being able to pay larger salaries. If Union was the rule we have no warm sympathies to tie to us even a small number of workers, and we shall be left stranded higher and drier than we are to day.

Sir William Twynam has written me a letter which I shall copy for you at my leisure in which he cries down all the talk of union

as purely a selfish aim by W.M.S. to make themselves stronger ultimately. He means that the W.M.S. does not really truly approach the question of union in a frank fair spirit but it is an underhand attempt to get the better of us. I must say I think he is in the main right.

I would like to ask if you are not ready to make a proposal on behalf of the foreign trustees for a closer union between the Am. Mission and Jaffna College. We could do so and yet agree not to take away the liberties of the native board of directors. As it has been, The Pres. has been an American missionary all along up to date. The Hitchcocks would have been happier if they had been an integral part of the mission. He is now working a station and Mrs H. is in charge of as much work as any of our ladies. Our sympathies are one but it not the same thing to be voted in as a favor to sit in mission meeting.

I think it would be warmly welcomed by the foreign professors and we as a mission would stand to gain in this, that what is acknowledged by the whole native community as Am Mission work, would in reality be ours. It might make a very slight change in the Board of Directors but none who would not care to be on the Board (if it were American Mission College) would really regret their separation. They have no real earnest love for the colleg as a whole. I think Sir Wm would stil remain for his sympathies are with us more than with St Jodns College. Did not the donors realize that Jaffna College was a sort of grown-up member of the Am. Mission not an alien in any sense. It would not violate their feelings to see closer union.

Please think over this but do not make any proposition as if we were asking for it. Let it come wholly from you and we will see what the Board will say to it. If union with the other colleges does not come and I cannot forsee it; This is the natural thing to happen, and both the college and the mission will stand to gain by it.

I enclose a letter that shows how the wind blows with regard to the men sent out to the College. There is a strong tide setting in in favor of the Trustees sending out men who have specialized in the subjects they are expected to teach.

Please let it be private but Mr Fritts is finding it hard to fill his post and the boys are not slow to see it. He had no special training in philosophy and is not of a philosophic turn of mind. We need strong men if we are to keep pace with the tide here in educational matters.

Trinity College Kandy is taking Jaffna Boys because the men sent out are specialists.

Then the frequent change is hard on the college. Why should not men come to this work for a longer term. Bicknell found it hard the first year. Then when he fell into it in good shape and had won the best good will of the students he left. I fancy that he shines especially as an administrator and that, the college needs most emphatically.

Moreover Mr Fritts is not in good health nor has he been for years . He is constantly fighting for strength physically to do his work and because he has it not, he cannot spend the time on his preparation that he feels he needs. He talks of resigning if Kodai does not set him up. They are in love with the boys and are having a splendid inluence spiritually This is as it ought to be but we want men strong mentally physically and spiritually.

Now I intend this as a private letter. Please treat it it as such.

With our best wishes for Mrs Barton and yourself

Yours Sincerely

P.S. I am planning a short trip to Colombo to meet Miss Green, but am taking an extra week in the interests of the Local Endowment Fund. I have secured subscriptions for Rs 1139 in Jaffna in three weeks, and have still gone on with regular work — HBS.

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Manepay, Jaffna, Ceylon.

Jan1/'07

Rev J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton.

My first letter to you for the New Year happens to be the first letter written in the New Year. Perhaps if we could put you first when the multitude of duties press, you would get a fairer share of news than always falls to you.

I have several letters unanswered from you, tho some of them are in the form of circulars and require nothing more than an acknowledgement of their receipt.

Your letter telling us of the rearrangement of work among the different committees and sectional secretaries we received with interest. Perhaps it needs no comment from us further than to say that we are pleased to hear that you have made careful preparation to hear and hear carefully what we have to say. Possibly I might say heed our various propositions, but I am happy to say that we are not in a complaining mood since your letter telling us that we were to have the much needed reinforcements.

Your letter of Nov 17 with the statement of our appropriations has been received recently. It calls for more than passing mention. Your gift to Mr & Mrs Hitchcock has been hailed with great satisfaction. It is a just tribute to the valuable assistance they are giving the mission at this time.

The allowance for the repair of the Manepay house tho in the nature of a personal allowance yet at the same time has relieved us of anxious thought for our personal safety, and the integrity of mission property. We thank you for both these gifts to us in our time of great need.

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Your request for the circulars calling for the judgement of the mission on the question of combination of the Medical work will receive early attention. I do not anticipate that it will make any change in the present situation. In all probability the near future will see both hospitals filled. Were we to build over again we should choose to combine but at present we shall accept the situation, and try to make the best possible use of our equipment.

We are sorry that Mrs Smith is not in a position to accept an appointment to the mission. I am sure she would have received a most hearty welcome with opportunity for abundant service.

But perhaps the news that heartened us most of all is the announcement that you are to send a new family or at least another family to Ceylon. Recent letters from Mr Hastings show that he is really hopeful of returning to Jaffna, if we have an opening for him. We at once felt that this was a providential opening., and in the mission meeting today it was unanimously voted that if it is possible for them to come by midsummer we would be delighted if they should receive the appointment. He is much needed at this time. Some arrangement for a theological class is imperative and he would admirably satisfy the demand of our native churches for some one to take up such work. We hope an earnest effort will be made to secure him for Jaffna. Our personal experience of better health since returning gives us some reason to expect that Mrs Hastings might also be given better health if she were to return.

We are anxiously awaiting Mr Bicknell's decision. It seems to be a difficult matter for them to decide. We hope it will be in our favor when the decision comes.

Dr Curr and Miss Green arrived early in Dec. They will have written to announce their arrival. We are delighted to have Dr Curr again at Inuvil.

Miss Green has taken her place amongst us as only one born in the country can do. One of our native men told me that although he had never seen Miss Green before ,he felt as if he were welcoming a returning missionary rather than a new missionary. And another on the first Sunday after her arrival prayed for her not as Miss Green but as Dr Green's daughter shewing the love they have for the children of missionaries and at the same time showing the deep love felt for her late father Dr Green. We are delighted to welcome her to our circle. Miss Root will now feel that she can contemplate furlough with a lighter heart since there will be two ladies to take up the work of the school.

We are encouraged by your hearty appreciation of our humble effort for furthering the cause here,and if the news will be of any help to any other mission we shall be glad if you can use it in any way you see fit. It seems to me that it is already bearing fruit amongst us. It looks as if most of our churches were to close the year with a financial balance on the right side notwithstanding that it has been a more than ordinarily trying year for the people. The failure of rain for two years tho not causing famine has made hard times for a great many. When this was true the fact that they have this year not only raised this sum reported to you for the Centenary fund, but they have raised by special subscriptions a considerable part of the salary of one of their own number to spend the year in evangelistic work among the churches. To have done this means in some cases not a little self denial, and it seems apparent that there will be a commensurate gain in spiritual things also.

We had prepared to give a warm welcome to Drs Creegan and Hitchcock expecting that they would reach us in the first week of Jan. But the change in their plans whereby they go to Bombay first will delay that pleasant function. Be it so. We shall be glad to see them when they come and we hope that their visit will be mutual-

ly helpful. The visit of the last deputation has left a sweet taste in our mouths even yet, and the only regret I have heard uttered was that they were afraid they had given the impression that Jaffna was a prosperous and well-to-do community. Perhaps they can relieve themselves of that fear before the new comers.

Your letter of Nov 26 telling us of the probable visit of Dr and Mrs Warner ,and Mrs Johnston during the coming month or rather the present month will give us the opportunity we rarely meet of showing our work to sympathetic Americans who are particularly interested in us.

Mr Dickson will have written in detail of the failure of Arbuthnots. There is little to add except that the probability of a fair dividend diminishes as the progress of examination of accounts goes on. We hardly know yet how hard it will pinch us. Time will tell, and in due time we may tell you if you care to hear.

Your most recent circular asking us to join in prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit was received today and we shall make use of it for the week of prayer which we observe next week. We are in hearty accord with you in this matter.

May He whose we are and whom we serve vouchsafe us a special blessing such as we have never hitherto experienced is our united prayer for Jaffna and our people.

Thanking you for your sympathetic hearing accorded our letters and acknowledging your letter asking that all communications from us be directed to the Sec. which we shall carefully attend to as time gives us opportunity

I remain,

on behalf of the mission,

Yours Sincerely

Thos B Scott

Sec. A.B.M.

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Manepay Jaffna Ceylon

Jan. /10/'07

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

I wish to bring to the Prudential Committee the following request:-

The Handbook for Missions and Missionaries on page 8 has the following statement;"provided,however,that when a child is sent away from homefor education,the parent may receive,on request,a grant of $250. per annum for each child,in which case the provision in the annual salary of the parents for such child shall cease."

Our eldest daughter,Helen H.Scott,will be nine years of age in March next. We plan that with the beginning of the school year of the Kodai School for Missionary Children,(Feb. next), she should be sent there for her education. The allowance made for her in our salary will not suffice for her expenses there. Does the clause quoted above contemplate such circumstances? The school at Kodai expects that the children shall return to their parents for not less than two months of the year. This for us adds to the expense as our distance from Kodai and the difficulty of passing to and fro is considerable. I do not know what arrangements you have made for the children of the Madura Mission who study in that school. As it appears to us,the expenses of the school for tuition and board, the warm clothing necessary,and the vacation travelling, will only be reasonably met if the above mentioned provision is made for her.

I therefore request that this sum of $250 be granted us for her education at Kodai.

Yours Sincerely

Thos.B.Scott

Rec'd MAR 2 1907.

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Ans'd Apr. 30-1907.

Manepay Jaffna, Ceylon.

Jan./29/'07

Rev. Enoch.F.Bell D.D.

Boston

Dear Sir.

We the members of the American Ceylon Mission wish to acknowledge your kind letter, and to assure you of our hearty good wishes for the truest fellowship and best helpfulness between us as we do our necessary business. We are assured of your sympathy with us and are prepared to believe that it will deepen and strengthen as you come into closer touch with our problems and become more fully acquainted with us, and with the situation in which we are placed.

This is not intended to be a regular mission letter but we wish to bring the following matter to your sympathetic notice.

Mrs Dickson has recently heard that her mother is suffering with tuberculosis, and is in very ill health. As she expected to take furlough in 1908 she has asked the permission to return now to America with her two children leaving Mr Dickson to follow next year. We the members of the mission having deep sympathy for her at this time, while regretting that Mr Dickson should be left alone with his very heavy burdens, give our approval of her plans in the advent of the approval of the Prudential Committee. Mr Dickson will inform you of the way he would best like to receive your decision.

Hoping that this will meet with your approval

I remain

Yours Faithfully

Thos B Scott

Sec. A.B.M.

P.T.O.

P.S. I have to report further that the mission voted to approve of Mrs Dickson making application for the usual refit allowance made to those returning to America from Ceylon. - Further it will be necessary that Mrs Dickson have an ayah with her to help her with her little children, and the Mission approved of her applying for such an allowance as will meet the expenses of such a helper.

Yours Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott

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Jany. Ceylon.

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Kodaikanal, So India

Mar/29/'07

Rev Enoch Bell

Asst. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Mr Bell

I have no letter from you to answer, perhaps, and yet I have your answer to my last letter. From that standpoint, if no other, I should write again.

You will hardly understand from the heading of this letter that it is from the Ceylon Mission that you are receiving a letter, yet such is the case. We are safely ensconsed in our Jaffna Ho. Bungalow in the Hills in So India. Four families, The Dicksons, Scotts, Hitchcocks, and Fritts, eight adults, and six children are all in one house. Miss Howland and Miss Green have gone to the Hills in Ceylon, Miss Root is now on the ocean en route for America, and only Dr Curr and Miss Paton are in Jaffna. Dr Curr tho only back in Ceylon a few months ought to be at the Hills and we hope that she may be able to see her way clear to take a short holiday. She has not recruited as much as we hoped from her furlough and should have stayed at home at least six months longer. Miss Paton has begun her work with much enthusiasm. She stands, however, in the peculiar relation of being a worker sent out to the field, and already engaged in her work before we have even heard of her appointment by the Board. Except from the paragraph in the Missionary Herald, and letters she holds from Dr Patton we should not know of her appointment. We presume it is all right, and shall treat her as one of ourselves, trusting that in time you shall see fit to inform us of her appointment.

There is little of special interest to write of in the work The various annual meetings of our churches have been held, and on the whole were encouraging The week of prayer was observed with the usual interest. The annual meeting of the Congregational Council

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of Churches of our Ceylon Mission was held early in Jan. We are pleased to report the number of additions to our churches on profession of faith as greater this year than for a number of years. The total number was 109. We are particularly pleased with the showing and our churches are encouraged.

I am sending you under separate cover the statistical report for the year. It is a little later than usual, but you need not be surprised.

We are pleased to report the visit of Drs Creegan & Hitchcock. Their all too short visit did us good and we hope has helped our churches also. The tour was planned, we think, to cover too much ground in too short a time; but of that let those who suffered most from the rush report later on. We had only five days to show them our work. We pushed them from place to place and they saw at least an outline, but if the swiftly moving picture has made little or no impression on brains already weary with the rush, we are not to be held accountable. We wish it had been otherwise. We are heartily in accord with the policy that sends out such deputations; but if they are to be of most value for the investment, we dare to suggest that either more time be allowed or less ground traversed. They left us on the first of March for the farther East, apparently in good health but pleased at the prospect of a little rest on the steamer.

We are anxiously awaiting definite news of the appointment of our reinforcements. The year is passing. Have you no news of either Mr Hastings or Mr Bicknell?

We thank you for the copies of the Haystack Centennial, & the Annual Report of the American Board sent to each of us.

We sympathize with you all in the extra work no doubt laid on you by the absense of Dr Barton and the two gentlemen referred to above, but we think you probably have opportunity to press

into service assistants ,such as we can never do when our working forces are depleted. We are not disposed to complain much that we do not hear as much from you as usual;and we trust you will expect from us no more than we are able to render.

I have referred to the fact that part of our missionary force has gone to a different Hill Station from the one we are at. This gives me the opportunity to say that we are not sufficiently provided with accommodation for the necessary short vacation we need each year. We need another small bungalow and we are talking of and planning for it in the near future.We hope you will lend yourself to a scheme for building either a small bungalow for our single ladies such as the Madura Mission possesses,or for a small bungalow for the Jaffna College professors. Howsoever it be designated,we should have more opportunity for enjoying the needed change and rest at this season of the year.

With the hope that we shall soon hear the good news that our new men are on their way and with a prayer for a blessing on the work of the Board at home

I remain

Yours Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott

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Manepay Jaffna, Ceylon.

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Rev Enoch Bell

Asst. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Mr Bell

Your letter of Ap.30 reached us May 29th, and has therefore waited a little over a month for attention. I wish there were two to answer instead of one. That might mean that I was a still greater delinquent than I am, but it would also mean that we heard oftener from the "Rooms" on the question so vital to us all. What of the re-inforcements?!

We thank you for the belated notice of Miss Z.W.S.Patten's appointment, and we shall be pleased to give her large privileges in our gatherings. Tho ostensibly working at Tamil, she is assisting in many ways in the hospital, and kindly notices of her work have appeared in our Jaffna paper "The Morning Star"

With regard to Mr Bicknell you say, "we are still without the final word". About one month before this information reached us, we had a letter from him saying that he had already written to the Board that he would not be able to come. We were surprised to hear a month later that you were waiting for "the final word" Surely there must be some leak somewhere. A letter from Mr Hastings last week says he had heard from Mr Bicknell that he was not coming, yet from official sources no word has reached us. Has the carefully planned subdivision of the work of reading letters failed to reach its expected fruition? Where is the leak in this matter? We take it for granted now that Mr B. is

not to be expected. We are sorry indeed, and the more so that it has taken so long to learn that he could not come. Meanwhile the work wears out the men who are bravely trying to keep pace with the demand. It is not only that the College suffers for want of its president, officially appointed, but the acting president must perforce give some of his strength to Mission work at that station. We are pleased to have his help, but know that he gives it while his hands are full of other things.

With regard to your reply to Mr Dickson's request for permission for Mrs Dickson to have the services of an "ayah" in her proposed furlough journey "This request is an unusual one.....and if granted would establish a precedent....etc." "Some one has blundered" Evidently "there arose a man who knew not Joseph", perhaps two or three of them on the Prudential Committee. So far from being "unusual" the only two families who have taken furlough with little children from Jaffna during the last seventeen years have both had an "ayah" Mr Holton who went from the Madura Mission in 1900 had an "ayah". And Mr wallace said to us recently that so "usual" was it for them in Madura, that they had "sent one with Mrs Wallace without even asking for it", this very year.

Fortunately Mrs Dickson is not embarrassed by it, as she is not leaving on furlough now, her mother having "fallen asleep". But so far from having provided that no similar request will be made in future, we consider that it has "precedent," and is not "unusual", and is moreover only reasonable. The request will be made again under similar circumstances to those in which it was formerly granted, and in which it was asked this time.

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All those who went for rest to the "Hills" have returned, and have resumed work, and all I trust "with renewed vigor". But just as we are again taking up the threads of work, we have our attention drawn to an advertisement by one of the secertaries calling for men for certain fields. We, who had been told that we were to have a new family sent to Jaffna, were not even mentioned in the list of fields given. Have you forgotten your promise? Or have you the new family already appointed? We would "like to Know". We think you have not forgotten, but rather that the new man, if not appointed, has been found. Relieve us of the strain, and let us know soon.

We have received the "documents" sent us by registered post, relating to our need of men and money to overtake the work. We shall try to have the information sent very soon.

We are just now pushing through an "extra". The necessity of incorporation having been drawn to our attention, we are framing, with the best legal advice available, a draft ordinance of incorporation. The Treasurer will forward a copy for your perusal and suggestions as soon as it has arrived at a vital stage in the process of formation.

Our Semi-annual meeting was held last week, An important part of our proceedings was the consideration of the above. Further we drafted our estimates for 1908. These will be forwarded by an early mail.

I have also the pleasure in reporting that it was "moved unanimously that we request the Prudential Committee to send Miss Helen I Root again to Jaffna as soon as she has sufficiently recruited health and strength"

Some other decisions were arrived at which will be given you in a letter by next mail.

On behalf of the Mission

I remain Yours in His Service

Thos B Scott

Sec.

c'd NOV 22 1907

Manepay Ceylon Oct./21/'07

Rev J.L.Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Boston

Dear Dr Barton

I posted a letter to you to go by this mail,but after it was posted I remembered that I had left blank the amount of collection raised at our Annual Convocation. So I start another on its trail and hope that it may be not far behind if it does not overtake it. The amount of collection up to date is Rs 960,+ 733 collected last year = Rs 1693. (entered in letter)

Your letter to Mr Hitchcock has been passed round and I hasten to write to urge you to change your point of view. Whatever may be the need for funds for Jaffna College professors for the future,owing to the doubt as to the stability of Standard Oil stock, it is very evident that some provision must be made for their Hill vacation. This cannot be satisfactorily met as you appear to presume by a grant for renting a House,for the reason that houses are so much in demand that we cannot depend on securing one.

It was with this knowledge before us that we asked from the Madura Mission a piece of land adjoining Jaffna House on which we could build a small house.

Again knowing how difficult it will be to secure a house at Kodai we have been corresponding for over two months already for a house for next Mar. We are told that only if we take the houses for the season can we secure them. The rents for the season vary from Rs 500 to Rs 750 for a house large

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enough to accommodate those who wish to go to Kodai. We have not dared to assume the risk with the attendant risk of sub-letting, for the months after we leave it are not so much in demand and houses are more easily obtainable.

Again it seems to us that as an investment it would yield some income in addition to providing actually necessary accommodation for us. A small house such as we would propose to build would be more in demand after we would be able to vacate it, especially as the Jaffna House centre is very desirable. If it cannot be obtained for Jaffna College we shall be forced as a mission to find some way of securing a house. Will it be any more easy to obtain from the Board $2,000 for a house than from the source we have asked it? I think not.

As I have pointed out in my former letter the strain under which we are working makes these vacations absolutely necessary. To remain at work because there is no place in which to find rest ~~and~~ to recruit, and thus break down is not prudent nor economical in the end.

The ~~house~~ building in which we are housed is not large enough for our own missionaries. Yet we cannot but treat the Jaffna College as belonging to us especially as they carry a not inconsiderable part of mission work ~~at~~ That station at Vaddukoddai is at present almost wholly worked by Mr and Mrs Hitchcock to our great relief and deep satisfaction.

I hope this will not be too late to be of use in your conference.

I remain

Yours Sincerely

Thos B Scott

Thomas B. Scott
Ceylon Oct. 21-1904.

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Manepy, Jaffna Ceylon, Nov.24/07.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown,
New York, Dear friends:- I wish to acknowledge gratefully your kind gift to the hospital under our care. If you will forgive me for being so tardy in writing my acknowledgement, I shall be glad to speak of the work of the past year.

First of all let me say how much comfort I have found in the type- writer which is the outcome of your first kind gift to me. I have used it with great advantage in my work. I have trained my native writer to use it, and it has saved me many an hour for other work. In particular it has been of service to me this year in the following ways:-

A promise of 50.000 rupees has been made to our college on condition that we raise 10.000 rupees. This offer was made in /1901.

during /o3 /04 /05 I was on furlough. On my return I learned that only a small part of the amount had been raised. As I was made Secretary of the Board of Directors, I was appointed to take charge of the collection. I could not leave my hospital and other mission work, so have had to depend largely on what I could do by writing. Here the typewriter has been my greatest comfort and help. I am glad to report that the prospect is good for the completing of the collection this year.

The raising endowments for colleges is no easy task even in America. Much more is it dificult here, but I believe firmly in the principle of self-help, so that it has, tho hard, been less irksome to me than it would be to some.

We have worked for self-support during all the years of our mission work. By requiring the people to pay for medicines and treatment as they were able, we have been able to make our hospital work almost self- supporting. For the balance your gift has been very welcome.

When I took charge of this station in 1904 I found the English High School raising about Rs.240 in tuition and grant earned from Government. In this year it will have raised almost 3.000 Rs. This is in additional to the new buildings ~~XXXXXXXX~~ erected by collections from the people at a cost of 5.000 rupees. The school is now the largest in the mission and popular with many because they have helped to build it.

It was hard work to initiate this principle but it is now bearing good fruit.

Last year we formed a plan for raising a Century Fund in Jaffna in connection with the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the ~~XX~~ mission in 1816. Our plan is to take up a special collection at each Annual Convocation of the members of our native Christian churches.

This is in addition to the support of their own churches. Last year we raised Rs750. This year we have raised over Rs 1.000. Part of the Rs1.000 was raised by obtaining subscriptions from the children in our day schools at the rate of one cent (Ceylon) per pupil per month. Many schools did not come up to this standard but 300 rupees was raised in this way. In my own district with 27 schools we raised Rs 135. The remainder came from the other 100 schools of the mission.

I am not boasting but I wish to show how we are constantly at work on the principle that the people should learn to help themselves in every way they can. This will ultimately turn to good account in the work.

The work that presses hardest upon me is the maintenance and direction of our village schools. The Government gives us a grant- in-aid based on a yearly examination held by a Gov't inspector. This takes no account of Bible lessons and cannot be used for the teaching of such lessons. Neither can it be used for buildings, nor repairs of buildings, nor purchase of site for school buildings. We receive a small grant from the Woman's Board for distinctively girls' schools. This provides us help for 25 out of 127 schools.

We have asked for help from the American Board but it has not been able to grant our request. We must maintain these schools at a fixed standard or forfeit the Gov't grant which would mean the loss of the schools. To meet this extremity we must try to find friends who will help us independently of the Board. This the Board does not approve of unless it comes from sources that would not otherwise come into the general funds of the Society. From their standpoint this is right, but we must find a way for the maintenance of these schools which are a valuable asset of the Board's work.

Let me give you an individual case of the way this work presses on me. In the days when the Misses Leitch lived at Manepay, there were two schools in a certain village. One was ours, the other was a heathen school. Miss Leitch came to some understanding with the heathen teacher by which the two schools were united. This was well so long as we kept the lead. In process of time the heathen teacher obtained the pre-eminence and ultimately had sole control of the one school. I still hold the school nominally. What is its value when thus carried on? It forms a centre for evangelistic meetings and for a Sunday School. Now it has come about that the teacher h4s grown old. He is willing to resign the school to me on payment of a bonus. I must find a new site for the buildingand buy the present building or erect another. If I can agree to this he agrees that no hindrance shall be put in my way of conducting it as a Christian school. There is one christian family in the village. The man is in straitened circumstances and cannot educate his children as he wishes. He offers to give me a site if I will provide his three daughters with three years' free tuition. This will cost Rs600 at current rates. The building will cost me another 300 Rs. The bonus to the teacher 100 Rs. In this way for 1.000 Rs I can get a school and at the same time help a deserving family. But where is the money to come from. I hesitate yet feel that I must take the risk.

I have two other schools for which I must find buildings in the coming year. For one of them a site also, either by purchase or lease.

I must also supplement the salaries of the teachers or I cannot expect them to do their best work in teaching the Bible lessons.

When the teacher finds that he must depend almost entirely on the Gov't grant for his salary it is natural that he should give most of his time to the secular studies.

(Note by Miss Leitch. The teacher, by pushing his scholars ahead in the secular studies can make his school earn a larger Gov't grant and so he will get a larger salary.)

You will ask me "Why not aim at self help here?" For the reason that if we should ask the children to pay ever so little tuition they would leave us for the heathen schools. For teaching Christian truth it is not consistent to ask the heathen to help.

You have very kindly sent me help for the hospital for which I heartily thank you. I have no claim except your interest in my work to ask for further help. If however you are disposed to help me may I ask that it be given to me for my village schools.

It is too much to suggest that you take up the special case I have cited but if you can render me some help in the case I shall be very grateful.

If I have troubled you with this long letter kindly excuse me.

With grateful remembrance of your past favors,

I remain,

Yours sincerely.

(Signed) Thomas B. Scott.

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Manepay Dec./1207

Rev J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec. Foreign Board of Trustees For Jaffna College

Dear Dr Barton

You will know that in Oct '06 I was asked to take upon me the work of seeing the collection of the Local Endowment Fund for the College.

I wrote you some time ago that we had good hope that it could be completed this year. In Oct. we sent one of the college professors to the Srtaits Settlements where a large number of Jaffna men are employed. In the latter part of Nov we sent two more of the professors (vacation was near) to Colombo and other parts of the South of Ceylon.

At the same time we of the Board of Directors have been busy at work here in Jaffna. The success of these efforts were such as gave us hope that we would win out in good time.

But sooner than we expected the good end has come and by the mails of to-day we receive intimition of sums received which complete the amount required of us. In fact the sum in hand now or rather collected to date is 10,847.98. We have good reason to expect that we shall yet receive not less than 2,000 Rs more. This will put us on a good footing and pay up all expenses which we have been at in the collecting tour.

In addition we on soliciting subscriptions for this fund received Rs 1,000 which we do not count above as it was ear-marked for scholarships. But inasmuch as it was raised here for the college we should legitimately call it part of the required amount.

Our hearts are full of gladness to-night as now we have fulfilled the conditions necessary for us to receive the generous gift you promised. With your Rs 50,000 for new buildings and equipment we are in a good way to put ourselves in shape.

You will rejoice with us. Imust close this now as I cannot add all I would like to but must write again

Yours faithfully

Thos. B. Scott

Sec. Bd of Directors

Rec'd MAR 5 1908

Manepay Jaffna, Ceylon

Jan. 29/'08

Rev. J.L. Barton. D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton.

Your letter of Nov. 26 has not yet been answered. This contained the appropriations for '08. We thank you for the amount you have been able to send us, and tho it is not all we had hoped for, we feel that it is at least the best the P.C. were able to do. Year by year we try to state our need of help for our primary schools and theological class. I am sure from your letter that you have at least the former on your mind, When the way opens we feel sure that help will come.. Until then we shall still try to save them from too great deterioration and make such progress as we are able in improving them.

We can well understand that it was difficult for these at the Rooms when so many of the force were on deputation work. But we shall hope that the stronger grip you have of the situation will tell for the good of all in the end. If others feel as we do, I am sure there is great satisfaction and pleasure with the visit of our friends from the Rooms who come to acquaint themselves with the situation and our problems at first hand.

We are anticipating a visit from Dr Capen and Mr Hicks within a fortnight, tho we have not yet heard of the exact date of the arrival of the latter. (Yes word has just come)

We thank you for the justice done to our friends and co-workers, Mr & Mrs Hitchcock, in making an appropriation for them direct from the Board. For the assistance they are giving us, this is but fair and right. Even tho re-inforcements come to the mission, and Mr Hitchcock is able to give his undivided time to the College, Mrs Hitchcock's work among the Bible Women we shall hope to retain. Her experience enables her to

give much valued help at this time.

You say "the Medical Fund is exhausted" I suppose you mean the the "Marston legacy" No one will doubt that the help the Misses Leitch have given here has been of great value. We would not decry it. But no one who fully knows the situation here as regards the medical work can fail to realize that they made a tremendous strategic mistake in locating the Woman's Hospital at so short a distance from the general medical mission.. Nay I should say at so great a distance. For had the two been together in one place it would have prevented much that the Mission deplores, and would have made the way for the maintenance of a strong evangelistic work more clearly feasible. Even now when the Mission tries to propose a remedy for the mistake, we are told that the Misses Leitch do not want it and therefore it must not be. In fact in ways that the P.C. does not limit us in the direction of our affairs we are fettered.

Now if this proposal you on behalf of the P.C. have made to interest the Misses Leitch and thro them the "Christian Herald" so that they may take up the medical work and educational work means a further tying of our hands we shall deeply deplore it. We do not propose to interfere in the ways and means the P.C. may take to find ways of carrying on the work. But we would respectfully yet urgently request that no conditions be agreed upon that will stand in the way of remedying the most trying situations. I shall try to send you the (as you request) the answers to questions we propounded to bring out the views of the different members of the mission on the situation as it refers to the medical work. You will then be in a position to judge more clearly for yourselves. It is only fair to say that this opinion is not wholly unanimous, but you can see how each individual looks at it.

We thank you for the added appropriation for the repair of the Man. Mission house . The work is already under way and we are temporarily housed

Yours faithfully
Thos B Scott
Sec

We have to report special cause for thanksgiving for safe deliverance thro a time of special illness. At the time of our last Mission Meeting it was discovered thro the course of the day that one of the children of the family was attacked with diphtheria.. This was one of our own little ones.(Dr Scott's). Fortunately we had a small stock of diphtheritic anti-toxin on hand, and tho three of the children and I myself were attacked within ten days all the immediate danger had passed.. But as all the members of the mission had been exposed we were very anxious for some time as the supply of anti-toxin which we were able to obtain in Ceylon or indeed in all So India was exceedingly small and not sufficient if we had had a number of cases.. Two children who were especially exposed were given prophylactic doses and escaped attack.. Dr Curr was most kind in coming to our aid in the time of greatest anxiety, and the sympathy and care of every member of the mission was especially delightful and helpful.

This experience has delayed this letter for you should have had it a month ago. You will readily understand why it was not wise to write then. The children have been delayed a little from getting off to school. The effects are still noticeable on them and I myself feel that it will be necessary to take a little longer time at the hills because of it. But we are so thankful for the fact that we are up to the present safe.

We felt much encouraged from Mr Bell's letter telling us that Mr & Mrs Brown were likely to arrive out in May. Then comes another telling that Mrs Brown is not ready.. We can sympathize with them in this, and shall hope for better news soon.

We are encuoraged too at the prospect of securing the new man for the College, and hope for a speedy settlement.

We will report the Annual Meeting at an early date

On Behalf of the Mission
Yours faithfully
Thos B Scott
Sec

Rec'd MAR 27 1908

Vaddukoddai, Ceylon

Feb./21/'08

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec. Board of Trustees of Jaffna College

Dear Dr Barton

A letter is due from me as Sec. of the A.C.M. but so also is one due from me on the business of Jaffna College. I take the liberty of doing the second thing first.

A general meeting of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College was held on Feb 15th. This departure is due to the fact that our Annual Meetings are usually too long, and we have decided to have two instead of one long one.

The business of the evening concerned largely our collection for the Local Endowment Fund and the various items of business that grew out of it..E.G.

The Board was asked to approve the action of the standing committe in consenting to my request, as special collector, to take out one of the men in active teaching, to send him to the Federated Malay States for a three months collecting tour. This meant not only sending him but providing a temporary substitute. Both of these items were approved as well they might be since Mr Hudson was so successful. I append my report of the campaign which I think will interest you.

Then some of the teachers on collecting tour met men who were disposed to criticize our action in making all students attend the services in the Church on Sunday. This led to the question whether or not we could afford to allow these Hindu boys to go home on Sat. and return on Monday. This aroused a spirited discussion. The directors were of one opinion that we should not in any way depart from the methods so long and so successfully employed by this educational institution

My report was received in a much more hearty way than

the one I presented last July at the Annual Meeting. In the former I took occasaon to state some plain facts as to the help the various members were giving me. Some of them were hard hit and were inclined to resent it. In fact so warm grew the discussion that as a sequel one of them resigned. This was not at all approved by the others, however. I think that some were afraid of a second report as the former had not aroused any response worth noting. However I did not follow up that tack as there was fortunately no special reason to do no since we had reached our aim.

Arising out of the correspondence, came the question of a principal. They were pleased to hear in one letter of a Mr Beach who seem- a promising candidate. Later you spoke of following up my suggestion re Mr Brown. I must frankly say that I was disappointed in the response to that suggestion. In fact I was the only one who spoke. All others kept silence. I pointed out how desirable a candidate he was in many ways but concluded with the argument that at present he could not be spared from the mission unless we receibed our expected new recruits. Mr Dickson is to go on furlough in '09. Mr Brown could not possibly do all that will thus be left and at the same time take up the Theo. Class and Jaffna College. I have tried to find out what was at the back of the apparent hesitation. So far as I can see it is due to his GGB: strong desire to make a Union College. Several are not opposed the above as a theoretical plan but the working of it with our Wesleyan brethern is despaired of unless we are disposed to follow the example of that illustrious' "young lady who went to ride with a tiger'." You remember that the young lady came back' "inside her" If Mr Brown adheres to the principles he has so strongly stated, he will not have as cordial support as is necessary in such a position.

A curious suggestion was made by one of the Tamil directors namely that the medical work be combined at ~~XXXXXX~~ Manepay and that the buildings at Inuvil be turned over to the College. It amused me as coming from one of them.

In this connection I wish to say that our Chairman Sir Wm

Yours Sincerely
Sir B Leith
Sec 3rd Director

Twynam made a special appointment with me two after the meeting and pointed out that the terms on which we hold the land at Vaddukoddai does not permit the Mission to alienate it. If Jaffna College were to build, with the present status it has, it would probably mean (since the tide of nationalism may raise questions) that we should lose our hold on the land. It would be unfortunate if the Mission should be accused of not keeping to the terms. He brought out old records to show that it was only given to the mission. He says, and rightly, that the College is not American Board Mission. He said he had been for some time thinking of it but had lost hope that we would get our Rs 10,000 and so said nothing. Now that building is a real question, and a committee is appointed to draw up plans for improvement, it must be met. It appears to me that we are on the horns of a dilemma. We must either find a site that we can own, or become a part of the American Board's Mission. Under the circumstances he strongly supports the proposal above mentioned to move to the centre at Inuvil if that can be managed. At the same time he emphatically approves of combination of the medical work for its own sake.

For various reasons therefore we may perforce move towards union or centralization and the latter would certainly include the former.

It is also very doubtful if we shall be able to secure affiliation with Madras as a First Class College unless we unite. I understand the deputation to look into the matter so reported formerly.
I wish I could see that the problem were any nearer of solution. On the contrary the Wesleyans are apparently seeking excuse to break the comity, so long observed with us, as they have with the C.M.S.. This does not foster a desire to unite with them as they are not (if appearances are not deceiving us) ready to "play fair". So the problem is made doubly difficult.

I shall try to put you in possession soon of other literature bearing on the question.

I remain

Yours Sincerely
Thos. B. Lowth
Sec. B.of Directors.

P.S.

I wonder if I would be appearing to take more than is our due if I were to ask if the most generous offer you made of "five to one" could not be made to carry as far as our 12,000 raised. Instead of Rs 50,000 this would mean Rs60,000. Since you were ready to send us the former several years ago surely the incrsment on it would help you towards extending it to the latter amount. After the labor it has taken out of me I may be excused if I now appeal to you to "do somewhat better" Please excuse me if this is not warranted but kindly let us know that it is out of the question if such is the case

Or at least give us the fifty thousand not including the sums already expended on repairs of buildings by Mr Hastings. I am sure Mr Hastings would support us in this plea altho not any longer our esteemed principal

Yours Sincerely

F B Scott

Dr Scott

While the question of compensation is pending it would be better that I remain in the Manepay Hospital.

It might be difficult for you to secure a Canadian doctor. I pointed out to you in a former letter that the American College degree will not hereafter be accepted in Ceylon. Without registration the new man could not carry on the Hospital.

If it were found impossible to secure an ordained man I would not object to a temporary appointment of a Medical man who would work the hospital as my assistant and thus set me free for more field work, but that would not be economical.

I have doubt whether my present condition of health would make it wise to do field work. I am well but have only so much strength to go on. The field work is a strain I find hard to bear.

Hoping this will not disappoint you

I remain Yours faithfully

F B Scott

Rec'd APR 23 1908

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Manepay, Jaffna Ceylon.

Mar./18/'08

Dear Dr Barton

I am a little late in answering your question re giving up medical work for evangelistic work. I thank you for the kind way you have stated the matter.

Afte much careful and prayerful consideration of the whole matter we feel that it would not be wise to change .

Fifteen years of work in hospital has not fitted me well for doing the best work in the other department. Only if I thought I could do better work would I change. It does not appear so to me. I have also consulted other members of the mission and they do not recommend it either.

Mrs Scott's training for medical work would be largely lost if we turned aside from medical work. This does not seem economy.

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Thos B Scott

Tadukoddai Ceylon: Fr. 26-908

Rec'd APR 23 1908

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Manepay, Jaffna, Ceylon

Mar. 21/'08

Rev. J.L. Barton D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of Jan. 8th, and Mr Bell's letter of Feb. 12th require an answer.

I have already answered that part of your letter that seems addressed to me personally on the subject of turning from medical work to evangelistic work as a general missionary. I hope you will not be disappointed in my way of looking at the question.

The rest of your letter deals largely with the question of Rev G.G. Brown taking the presidency of Jaffna College. On the whole this seems the best arangement possible, but it must of course be subject to your success in securing and sending out soon the promised new men for the mission. It would be of no material gain to build up the weak places in the educational work by pulling down our already weakened force available for the other work of the mission. It needs no argument on our part to prove to you how strongly we are in need along the lines of evangelistic work. If urgent requests will help the matter, we again urgently request you to send these new men at the earliest possible date.

In line with this let me point out to you that we as a mission are warmly in favor of the proposal to send out the men to the college under appointment of the Board their salaries being guaranteed of course by the college. We believe it would give them a standing here that would help us, and as far as we can see, in no way hamper you at home. You have, I believe practically accepted the suggestion as far as it relates to Mr Hitchcock. May we ask that you carry it into effect as soon as practicable. Mr and Mrs Hitchcock are missionaries of the Board in every respect but in name. We all recognize gladly and gratefully the assistance they are rendering us.

Some of us nay perhaps all of us regretted the exigency that called for the closing of Udupiddi Girls' Boarding School. The history of the school proved that it was meeting a great need, and serving as a strong feeder to our general evangelistic work. The general feeling in Jaffna is that this form of work is of untold value. While we had curtailed it, the Wesleyan Mission were planning to add one more to their two Boarding Schools. This could only be done at our expense, so considering the urgency of the need for immediate action we decided to re-open the Uduppiddi School in May. Mrs Dickson consents to take charge temporarily at great inconvenience to her family. It is hoped that we may be able more than formerly to use our Tamil assistants in the conduct of the School.

As this arrangement will mean that Mr & Mrs Dickson must maintain two homes we respectfully ask that an additional grant of $100. be made to their allowance.

We are unable to see how Mr Brown can immediately take up work in the college unless the new missionaries come at the same time as he comes. Even tho they did, the necessity for their studying Tamil will prevent them taking heavy responsibility at once. One suggestion has been made. If it is deemed imperative that Mr Brown at once take college work, We would ask Mr & Mrs Hitchcock to to accept temporarily mission work. If our suggestion that he be appointed a missionary of the Board be carried out it would be a regular proceeding. If even we were to do it in an irregular way that is without waiting for such appointment, the exigencies of the situation would seem to make it a prudent move. Mr Hitchcock has proved his abilities. He could be mission Treas. and take large supervision of the primary educational work. Mrs Hitchcock could manage the Udup Boarding School tnd continue to supervise a large section of the work done by the Bible Women. I do not mention this plan as a hint that you may in any wise relax your efforts to secure our new men at once.

Mr & Mrs Dickson have been given permission to ask for furlough. It now due them according to the terms of service laid down in the handbook.

Both of them have had an attack of fever before going to the Hills this year, Mr Dickson is courageously trying to carry a very large burden, but it cannot be done indefinitely without telling to his loss of health. We do not want all our men to go home invalided. They ought to go this year in July but have decided to wait till Mar /'09

At our annual meeting Dr Scott was voted permission to ask for leave to purchase two small pieces of land one for a village school and another to enable him to straighten a boundary line in connection with the Manepay hospital. Both pieces will amount to less than a quarter of an acre and can be secured without asking a mission grant. We presume that there will be no objection.

We wish also permission to sell two small pieces of land in the Udup. Station.. These lie in places where it will in all probability never be crnvenient to use them for public buildings. If we may sell them and use the money to buy in their place land where it is urgently needed it will be a means of advancing our work without hindering the work you are doing at home or in any way making it harder.

We also need to ask permission to buy a quarter of an acre of land at Uduvil for the use of the Boarding School. This is very necessary for sanitary purposes. The purchase money will not be asked from the Board but will be arranged locally. We trust you will have no objection.

The visits of Dr Ed. Capen and Mrs Capen and of Mr & Mrs Hicks are now part of our history. We enjoyed their visits very much, but our people thought it was all too short for them to gain a true idea of our work. In this we as a mission concur.

A question was raised at the annual meeting by Miss Patton as to her duties in the hospital at Inuvil. A committee consisting of Dr & Mrs Scott and Miss Howland was appointed to meet with Dr Curr and and Miss Patton and arrange if possible their differences. Lest this should prove impossible we took the advantage of laying the matter before Mr Hicks and are thankful for his advice, tho unofficially given.

I had the privilege later of seeing and treating for measles Dr ED Capen at Kodaikanal. It was only a light attack and I trust will never leave any ill effects.

I have part of the article written at your request showing the Medical work of the A.C.M. In fact it has ben written for many days I am trying to complete it . My family is at the Hills and I am here trying to see my house repair thro and at the same clear up some odds and ends of necessary work before my holiday. I shall try to send you the article referred to within a fortnight.

The questions re Combination of the Medical Work are with me to be edited . To find time to write them out for your inspection is the difficulty. I took them to Kodai last year for that purpose and found no opportunity to write them. I may have to take them to Kodai again this year or I may get them finished before I go.

I hoped to have this letter wretten weeks ago but BUT...

We shall look for news of our new men by next mail and perhaps the succeeding mail or mails but if looking earnestly will bring the news sooner we will appoint a Committee to be on the look-out.

With best wishes to Mr Bell and Self

On behalf of the Mission

Thos B Scott

Sec. A.C.M.

Rec'd MAY 2 1908

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Manepay Mar 31st/'08

Dear Dr Barton

I am ashamed to write this letter. But confession is good for the soul. I should have done all the work which is here represented long ago. You have said so. Mr Hicks has said so. The fact is I did part of it a year ago and took it to Kodai to finish. I was not permitted to finish it there. It came home and was forgotten. Now you have the facts, and you have also the fact that I am heartily ashamed of it.

Your circular asks for the figures of '05 & '06. As these years were years in which we did not do full work, I have taken the liberty of giving you statistics for '07. It has been not a little work to give this as some of the figures were not in the regular line of our methods of keeping records. Still we gladly do the work.

The figures that represent finances are somewhat larger than the ordinary in expenses. Miss Patten's outfit Rs 750. Some land bought at Inuvil Rs .1,100. Some building done at Manepay out of the ordinary Rs 960. approximately. Again in estimating the actual expense of Medical Missions perhaps cognizance should be taken of the fact that my time is largely up with other forms of evangelistic work.

The article that I have prepared for you is not a worthy production. In the words of a strong preacher whom I heard in America I have "sweat my brain" for you, and I fear to little profit.

Now I would like to do more for you, for I apprehend in some small measure how welcome anything we can send you is to you. I have just read in the March number of the Missionary Review of the World the article of the Business life of the Missionary. In it, the letter from the irate pastor might have been aimed at me, it hit so hard. Of course some of the things he asks are unreasonable. Surely they can trust that the missionary is at work without asking how many sermons he preached etc. If it were to be measuied by sermons some of us would be thought idle. But there are a few other things to do. I fear the said pastor has not yet taken a tour among the mission fields. Send him out.

Yours Most Sincerely
Thos B Scott

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Manepay Ceylon July 7/'08

Rev J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

I have four letters from you to acknowledge. These were all written within a month, and now I take pleasure in replying to the questions you raise in them.

You will already have my letter written from Kodaikanal in which I reported our vote to ask Mr Hitchcock to accept temporarily work at Udupiddi. In your most recent letter you have expressed your approval of our action. Mrs Hitchcock has already moved to Udupiddi and accepted charge of the Boarding School there. Mr Hitchcock while taking charge of the station from July 1st will reside at Batticotta until the arrival of Mr York going to Udupiddi at intervals.

We have not officially reported the arrival of Rev G.G.Brown though he has doubtless done so. At a recent meeting of the Directors he was duly installed as Principal and at the same time became a member of the Board of Directors. Mr Hitchcock's temporary release for general mission work was also voted at the same meeting. It was felt that this was some weakening of the College force but the need of the mission was recognized as great enough to warrant it.

We are delighted to hear of the appointment of Mr & Mrs York and of their early departure to take up duties in the College.

We are very sorry that no one has yet been found for the Mission. In this connection we cannot understand why in the recent number of the Missionary Herald our need is not included among those you emphasize as urgent. In your letters to us you admit it, but we should have been pleased to have seen it placed before the public. Was it an oversight, or are we wrong in expecting these appointments to be given as much prominence as those others you have drawn attention to in the Herald? Judging from the correspondence with Mr Brown which you reported to us we think we cannot be wrong.

Manepay Ceylon Mar 31-1908.

One of the professors of Jaffna College, J.K.Chinnatamby B.A. has tendered his resignation that he may take up pastoral work in the mission. He was formerly the missionary sent by the Student Foreign Mission to Tondi so we value him highly as a prospective pastor. The Church at Panditerripo to which he has accepted a call, not being able to assume the collection of all his salary, the mission voted to supplement it rather than lose the opportunity to have him settled. This supplementary grant is to decrease annually and cease in five years. The transfer takes place only at the close of the year.

The re-opening of Udupiddi Girls' Boarding School necessitated the transfer of one of our valued male teachers from Uduvil. He was formerly employed at Udupiddi but with the union of the two schools, temporarily, he became a teacher at Uduvil. We have not yet been able to fill the vacancy at Uduvil and in consequence the ladies there are carrying a much heavier burden than is wise. At the same time we regret that it interrupts Miss Green's study of Tamil. We are hoping to meet the situation satisfactorily at an early date.

One of the first public functions of interest to the mission on our return from Kodai was the visit of the Governor of Ceylon to Jaffna. Among other places, he visited Jaffna College and Mc'Leod Hospital. At the former he expressed his pleasure in the evidence that the college was endeavoring to develop a true spirit of manliness. The physical exercises in the gymnasium were much appreciated as an earnest effort in that direction. In his addresses in Jaffna he made much of the necessity for self-help. At both of our institutions visited he was pleased with the progress in self-support

In your letter of April 21st you refer to the trouble between Dr Curr and Miss Patter which you learned of thro a letter from Mr Hicks. In my letter of Mar 21st you will find reference to a committee appointed to try to help adjust the differences. After the committee had met Dr Curr and been ungraciously received we referred the matter to Mr Hicks

I remain Yours Sincerely

Thos B Scott

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At a meeting of the Mission June 13th Dr Curr admitted the right of the Mission to interfere. The suggestions made by the Committee she now accepted when made by the Mission. These were that Miss Patten should have authority under Dr Curr over all the Tamil nurses. and second that now in her second year Miss Patten's hours of Tamil study so be so arranged that she should have opportunity to make hospital rounds with Dr Curr and receive instructions as to the nursing of the patients.

As Miss Patten was not at the meeting, being absent on vacation, Mr Dickson was appointed to report to her the recommendations of the Mission.

The opinions of the Mission re combination of the medical work were put into the hands of Mr Brown to be revised and forwarded to you.

It was further moved that in view of correspondence with you on the above topic the building of a new maternity ward at Inuvil should be deferred for the present. Dr Curr demurred against this vote as she has materials on the ground for the said building. It should be pointed out that this vote imposes limitations equally on the General Medical Mission where some new building is an urgent necessity. We therefore respectfully submit that it will be well for the progress of the medical work as a whole if this question can soon be definitely settled.

We are unanimous in our disapproval of the sentiments of the letter by Miss Leitch a copy of which was forwarded to us. The caste distinction which she tries to draw between the two hospitals is contrary to fact. The suggestion is pernicious and militates against the best interests of the work. If it were true, that itself would constitute one strong reason why combination should be effected. Not a single member of the Mission will admit that this has been or should be the policy to be followed in the administration of the medical work.

Some minor changes in workers and in salaries of teachers in the Boarding Schools were voted. A new headmaster for the Tilly Training school was approved

I remain Yours Sincerely

Thos B Scott
Sec. A.B.M.

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Manepay. Ceylon
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Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

I have delayed somewhat in writing to you, hoping to have my typewriter repaired, so that I could send this letter in more readable form.

I have to acknowledge your letters of Aug. 18 & 26 & Mr Bell's of Sept. 18th. In neither of these is there any matter that needs an answer. We thank you for the grant of $80. to meet the special expense of the missionaries connected with the re-opening of Uduppidi Girls' Boarding School

We thank you for your repeated assurance that the P.B. seems to send re-inforcements as soon as they can be found. We are becoming very anxious that they be found and appointed very soon as the approaching furlough of Mr & Mrs Dickson, again lays a heavy burden of administration on those of us who are left. At the same time we see that we cannot, unreasonably, demand that

you send us men who are not willing to come, because their hearts are set on other fields of labor. Your assurance that "the need of Ceylon has been given the precedence over so many other needs in various mission fields" is very encouraging and we cannot ask for more.

We acknowledge also your grant of a special arrangement for Richard Hitchcock's school expenses at Kodai on the same basis as that granted for Helen Scott.

Your commendation of the Mission Report is appreciated as both for '06 & '07 we were forced to adapt the plan of sending the Report thus, instead of printing; because we could not give the labor to the latter method. It has its disadvantages, as we are sometimes asked for reports by our interested friends or visitors and we have none to give them. We plan to print for 08, however.

We have your letter or Mr Bell's letter of Sept 18. which says

before us the fact that your income has not met the expenditure. We have not yet received the account of the Annual Meeting. Possibly the debt of $79.000. may have been somewhat reduced at that time. By next mail we should receive word so we await your letter.

We have to report a most helpful conference for Bible Women held at Udivil in Sept. Miss Swift of the Madura Mission came over, and an invitation to the Bible Women of the C.M.S. and W.M.S. was accepted by those missions. A large number met at Udivil during the mid term vacation and the meetings were most helpful to them. The testimony of our own Bible Women of the ladies in charge of Bible Women in the other two missions has been most encouraging. It has been well worth while. It has moreover accentuated the fact ~~that we all feel~~ felt by us and that we have no workers in Jaffna who can give time enough with our Bible Women ~~to help~~ to give them

the help and the oversight ~~in this work and give them~~ the oversight which is an stimulus to them to do their best. We long for the time when this branch of our work now so weak can be strengthened by the appointment of one of our number to superintend ~~our Bible Women's work~~ their. It is ~~not for~~ lack of capable persons but ~~because~~ those well fitted for it and able to do it ~~well~~ effectively have already more work than they can well carry.

Our Annual ~~Meeting~~ Convocation was held at Udaipur on Oct 15. We had a splendid gathering. ~~We had~~ There were two sessions in one day, and ~~found~~ the time was all too short for what we wished to accomplish. But it did not seem wise ~~for us~~ to attempt a two days' meeting so soon after the Bible Women's conference because of the expense on our people who should come from a distance. The third collection of our scheme for ~~our~~ the Centennial 1916 was taken. It ~~and~~ exceeded last year's by about 40 %. and was about double the

first year's effort. It amounted to over Rs 1400. For this year of high prices of food stuffs it was a very encouraging collection

In Aug. (20) we organized a new church at Sandilipay. This has been a branch of the Manepay church about two miles distant It was felt that the time had come for a separate organization, while the pastor of the Manepay church is still pastor in charge. The immediate worker is a catechist who resides near the church.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Brown to the mission again. We were all delighted to have her back again.

The coming of Mr & Mrs York to the College has given us fresh cause to anticipate good things yet in store for our work among the young men.

This is but a brief letter but it should have gone ere this

We as a mission ex-

dially unite in hoping that the plans already being formulated for this Board's Centennial may be abundantly blessed, to which end we both labor and pray

I remain

Yours in His Service

Thos B Scott

Sec. A.B.M.

MAY 17 1909

Kodaikanal Ap/19/'09

Rev J.L.Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

I am behind-hand with my letter and was feeling a little troubled that it was so until your letter just received tells us that you are so busy in your campaign that letters from you need not be expected. From this I infer that if we are slow it will not matter so much.

I have sent off the statistical sheets as requested and hope they will reach you in good time. Mrs Brown is compiler of the full report this year and you will doubtless receive a copy in good time for your report making season.

This is our holiday season, and several of our members are taking vacation. Mr & Mrs Brown, Miss Scott Patten and myself are the Kodai contingent, while Miss Howland, Miss Green, and Dr Curr have taken their vacation in the Ceylon Hills this year.

Mr & Mrs Hitchcock elected to remain at home this year. On the 7th of April they were presented with a third son (John David) From all reports both mother and son are doing well.

Mrs Scott elected to remain at home this year as the trip to the Hills with very little children and return via Colombo is so trying that it is doubtful if when all is done any benefit comes from the journey. As my eldest daughter has a month of vacation in May I decidee that we would divide this year, and so with one of the children I have come up for the season.

Mr & Mrs York also remain in Jaffna. Dr Curr took her vacation early so that one of the doctors could be at home to superintend the medical work and care for our missionaries who remained at home.

I was asked to represent the Ceylon Mission at the seventy fifth anniversary of the Madura Mission, and had the pleasure of a trip to Madura in Feb.

Just before I left your letter came to hand instructing us with regard to Miss Scott-Patten. As Mr & Mrs Dickson were likely to away before I returned it was decided to hold a meeting in my absence and decide what was to be done.

The meeting was called and the whole situation carefully considered. It was voted to ask Miss Scott Patten to hand in her resignation to take effect not later than the first of July. Mr W.E. Hitchcock who acted as Sec. pro tem duly informed her by official letter. We have not actually received her resignation to date, but we act as tho it were in hand, as no other course seems to open up that will relieve the situation. She feels it keenly, and has doubtless represented her case to you, but of this we have no official information. In the meantime she is taking her vacation as usual. What she will elect to do afterwards I am not in a position to say.

Early in March the Dicksons and Fritts sailed from Colombo for America via the Pacific route. We have heard from them at Hongkong and doubtless ere this reaches you they will have arrived at their destinations.

In accordance with instructions from you we have asked Mr Ward to join our Mission. He has consented and has severed his connection with the Y.M.C.A. His admission as a member of our circle takes place with the first of the month of April. He came to see Mr Dickson and take over the work receiving all instructions that would be of the utmost value to him. Then he has taken his vacation at Kodaikanal. He is here now. They had a son born to them Jan 10th so that we are re-inforced by three persons. We have taken it that you will pay his travelling to

Ceylon,and our local Treasurer has instructions to advance him money on that basis. We are delighted that he has been able to take over the Tellipallai station from Mr Dickson. We had hoped that he would be free to take much time for Tamil this year, but the other members of the mission are so heavily laden that we have been forced to leave Mr Ward considerable work at Tellipallai. However, we are all of one mind that the knowledge of Tamil is so essential that we shall try to relieve him all that is possible to the end that he may study. Mrs Ward is a very delightful person and we are as happy as can be at this consummation.

We have a plan for a union conference with the three missions in June. Mr Eddy of the Madras Y.M.C.A. Mr Larsen of the same work, and a strong Tamil scholar as well, and Mr Walker a C.M.S. mission-ary from So India are to conduct the conference. It will be held at Uduvil and we are all preparing for this in the hope that a great blessing may be ours. We feel that the people are really in need of such an effort and also in some sense they are prepared for it.

You will pray for us that this may be a source of great blessing to our work.

We have received your letter enclosing a copy of a letter from Miss Minnie Hastings. It will be a great pleasure if we can look forward to welcoming her as a member of our mission. It does not seem probable that she could come immediately from the letter she has written you

I have not any very special news so will close this letter with the hope that the campaign now in progress may surpass all your expectations and bring great encouragement to you and thro you to us

I remain

On behalf of the A.C.M.

Thos E Scott
Sec A.C.M.

Rec'd AUG 5 1909

Manepay Jaffna Ceylon

June29/'09

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Boston

Dear Dr Barton

I think I have no unanswered letter from you. Doubtless the work of the TOGETHER CAMPAIGN has kept you so busy that you had little time to write.

Your have been duly informed of the birth of a son to Mrs Hitchcock and also to Mrs York of Jaffna College.

On June 3rd on my return from a holiday at Kodai Mr & Mrs A.A.Ward came with me to take up work in the mission. We consider them as members of the mission. Have you considered their official appointment beyond sending your cable to us to "engage Ward"? I have seen no reference to their appointment in the Missionary Herald. Perhaps I have overlooked it. Is it not in accordance with your recent methods to give a commission to new members? What form it will take in the case mentioned we shall interested to see. I doubt not they will be pleased to receive the document if it be sent to them. We are delighted with their coming and hope for much. I am not sure that you know that they bring with them a son born Jan 5th/'09. This makes four additions to the number of children within the past seven months to our mission circle .

It is with great regret that I write to inform you that on account of the passing away of her sister, Miss J.E.Green has reluctantly decided that it will be her duty to return to America at least temporarily. The mission has realized the

wardis to you 1st.

necessity, and has consented to her applying for furlough. This is to take effect as soon as some one can be found to take up her work in the school. Miss Green would have preferred to return this year but can with difficulty wait till the early part of 1910. We are filled with regret but accept this as her evident duty for the present. We are glad to say that while her going is a great loss to the school we cannot forget the very great gain her work has been to us during her stay with us in the school. It would be rare to find so deep an influence in so short a time of service.

This brings to you the necessity of finding a worker to join Miss Howland. We have previously referred to our desire that Miss Minnie Hastings could be secured. From your letter and one more recent from her father we are afraid that she may not consider coming immediately. However we have wondered if the recent passing away of Mrs Hastings senior will not open the way for the return of Rev. & Mrs R.C. Hastings with their daughter. They could immediately join the school at Uduvil. Mrs Hastings, as able, could assist in the domestic arrangements and Miss Hastings teach. Their previous experience in Boarding School work would make them valuable workers. We wish it might be.

In this connection as you consider candidates will you permit us to mention the name of Miss Bookwalter a sister of Mrs Ward and a graduate of Otterbein College. She is at present doing work in New York in educational ~~work~~ lines but could probably be secured with little delay if her papers were all found satisfactory. We will enclose her address, that you may may open communications with her.

Is Miss Root's return at this juncture impossible? We have understood that her care of her father was imperative, but the situation may have altered now.

Yours Sincerely,
Hope B. Scott

There is much discussion going on at present re Union College. The C.M.S. and W.M.S. have appointed committees to meet with a sub-committee of Jaffna College. While several meetings have been held and several propositions have been brought forward shewing real interest in the question I do not think that we are in a position to report any action as yet conclusive. A meeting of the Directors is called for this week the result of which may show a way forward. If so it will be duly reported to you by us.

We have just last week completed a series of four days' meetings at Uduvil for our United Special Mission. The attendance was good, not less than an average of from 1,000 to 1,200 at each of the three daily meetings. The three speakers were most attentively heard and a strong impress was made upon the community. It has been well worth while and we look forward to the fruit of it in the days that lie before us in a deeper interest in the things of God in our people, and more work for the non-Christian friends and neighbors. The necessity of the new birth, the purified and fruitful life was made so clear that none could fail to see and be influenced for better things. Service as the test of living faith will I doubt not help many into closer fellowship with the Lord.

I have nothing further to report as to the situation at Inuvil. The mission looks to the severance of connection with the work on the part of Miss Patten at the end of this month. Her plans are not before us, but we believe she is returning to England at an early date.

With our prayer that your work may be richly blessed and your plans richly fruitful in good things

I remain on behalf of the Mission

Yours Sincerely

Thos B Scott

AUG 26 1909

Manepay Ceylon

July 27/'09

Rev J.L.Barton D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Boston U.S.A.

Dear Dr Barton

In my last letter I promised to give the address of MrsWard's sister but by some mischance sent off the letter without doing so.

This has been brought to my attention and I hasten to correct my mistake. It is Miss Lulu Bookwalter, Essex Falls, New Jersey, U.S.A.

We are waiting anxiously to hear whether our suggestions re Mr & Mrs Hastings and Miss Hastings can be carried out. From letter which we have received recently we are afraid that there is not much hope. But we would fain be corrected for our need is so very real.

Miss Green has generously agreed to wait till her substitue is sent, or at least till next year, while all the time news of her mother's ill health makes her very anxious. We deeply sympathize with her desire to return at this time, and hope that immediate action will be possible so as to relieve her. We had our mission meeting (semi-annual) on Sat. 24th but I will not report that meeting now but hasten to send off this letter to catch this mail.

With best wishes for your plans

I remain

Yours sincerely

Thos B Scott
Sec. A.B.M.

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Explanation of Estimates for 1910

Manepay Ceylon
August 16/'09

Rev. J.L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Boston

Dear Dr. Barton.

The last Congregationalist makes it fairly certain that the end of the "Together Campaign" brings with it assured success. We rejoice with you and trust that, as you have hoped, it will be the beginning of brighter days. If it is the beginning of an era of funds sufficient to keep the Board out of debt, it will lift no light burden from you of the Prudential Committee. May it prove all that you have hoped for and more!

You have been so occupied with the carrying out of your large plan, that we have no letter of moment from you since the early part of the year. Perhaps there was nothing of moment to write, but we would not like to believe that, after all that you have promised, we were to be still left to wait with undiminished longing for the permanent re-inforcement.. I note that you still have our need upon your list of vacancies to be filled.

My special duty in writing this letter is to make some necessary comments on the "estimates" we forward you of our need for 1910. As our estimates vary little from year to year there is perhaps little need to comment upon them, yet we dare to suppose that in your wide outlook upon the whole field you may still find some unsatisfied query about things that so deeply concern us.

The first item that will attract your attention possibly in looking over the "estimates" is that we have proposed an additional ten per cent on our personal allowances. This we have done with very great reluctance and only after careful deliberation. We may not be able to persuade you that we are right, but you have always treated our requests re personal allowances so honorably that we feel assured you will do so again. This does not mean that we will think otherwise tho you may not be able to agree with us in all our findings.

From conversation with other missionaries of our Board

in other missions we learn that we are not alone in the feeling that has prompted us to make this suggestion.

It is now fifteen years since ~~the~~ our present allowance was adjusted to meet the wish of the P.C. that all allowances should be gathered into one item . During our furlough years, the mission asked that one item appear in additional to the allowance viz horse allowance. That request was granted for the sufficient reasons then adduced. This one item then stands to offset my statement that for the past fifteen years the allowance has stood as it is to-day. But during those fifteen years there has been a large advance in the expense of living. We believe that there is a fair average of forty to fifty percent increase in the list of things that go to make up our expense acct. To make this clear beyond a doubt to you we have prepared a list of the ordinary purchasings of the missionary household that you may at your leisure peruse. The things noted are not luxuries but the necessities of our living. From this list you will gather that we are not unreasonable in our request for an additional 10% on allowances.

Arising out of the facts there shown we have found that our allowance for "House Fund" was not sufficient to permit us to keep pace with necessary repairs. Among the items that go to make the total was an estimated $36. per adult missionary for house fund. We as you will note from previous correspondence of our Treasurer with the Treas of the Board have felt that this did not suffice. We now propose that this be increased to $50. This as you will see adds $100. to the apparent salary of each family. It is of course only apparent as it is taken by unanimous consent by the Treas for our common "House Fund".

Again the estimated allowance of 1894 contained an item for expense of going to the Hills. At that time it was rare for our missionaries to go every year. Consequently the amount estimated was based on an average of goings or not goings to the Hills. It has been found that the health of the missionary and of the missionary children was better for regular vacations of this sort. This meant ultimate economy to the Board and the practice has become common of taking an annual vacation. But again this estimate was based only on the adult missionary. It makes however considerable addition to a bill for travelling if children and necessary attendants are added to the list of travellers. To be sure the five per cent allowance

granted for children is made on the allowance for travelling included in the whole missionary allowance but this does not nearly cover the expense. I have not supposed it necessary to argue the point of the wisdom of taking an annual vacation. But one point may be noted. Now the reason that it is becoming our custom to keep our children here longer than was sometimes done formerly, is that the School for Missionary Children at Kodai provides in some large measure for these extra years spent here. But it of course means added expense for the return of our children from vacation during the year and at the same time makes it imperative that an annual journey to the Hills be made.

For these reasons it seemed prudent to us to make this request and we leave it to you for your consideration and action thereon.

Another item that we call attention to is an estimate for two pastors's houses. One of these is for a small congregation at Sangany where they would find it exceedingly difficult to build a house for their pastor and yet where they have suffered for some years from the non-residence of their preacher in their midst because there was no house for him to live in. The other is for a grant to purchase land for a pastor's house at Manepay. The people have agreed to raise the amount necessary to build, if the land is given them. We have no suitable site on mission property. The cost of building will be easily twice as great as the cost of the necessary land. So that we are asking you to meet only one third or less of the prospective expenditure. We can confidently put pressure upon the congregation to make this effort if we are able to show some little practical sympathy with them in the matter of land. The third item for building is for a house for the head teacher at the Udupiddi Boarding School. It is absolutely necessary that he live near the school but he has never been adequately housed. Moreover in the interval when the whole of our Boarding School work was carried on at Uduvil the house was not kept in careful repair. It is now quite unfit for a place of residence and it is imperative upon us that we build. This comes as a request to the Woman's Board and as such may require a full letter of explanation to the officials of that department of your committee work. It will require $500. — I learn now that it was accidentally omitted from the estimates.

We have again made an estimate for our village schools. We are encouraged to do so from the fact that you have at least consented to put this item on the list of necessary advances to be considered a special. During the year that has just passed I have had opportunity to test what could be done if this grant was made to us. Thro the kindness of some friends I had a sum of money put at my disposal for the purpose of encouraging Bible teaching in the schools of my District. A carefully graded plan of study was provided each teacher and thrice in the year an examination was conducted by a capable sympathetic committee. I have just completed the year's work and last Saturday held my annual meeting of teachers to receive the bonuses thus earned. I had fifty teachers present some of them travelling a seven miles. Out of twtety five schools whose examinations we had before us fourteen passed over fifty per cent on the year's work. Of these fourteen schools eight made over seventy five percent. Three made over ninety percent. The teacher gaining the highest percent of 94 made it not with a few selected pupils but on the whole average attendance of his pupils for the year. In fact the truth was demonstrated that it was not really due to the pressure of govt exams that Bible was not well taught for the schools that have made the best showing in this are schools that have the largest attendance and have earned the largest grants from government. There was much interest in the results of the examination and I anticipate that there will be still better results next year. What this must mean to all these 2,600 children who can tell? The pastors report that they find a more intelligent attention to their efforts to hold gospel meetings in the schools because of the more careful study of the Bible. But it has placed me under the necessity of continuing my scheme, for to begin and then drop it it is to expect even less careful attention to the teaching of the Bible than I had before. We therefore beg that if possible you will make us a grant for this very needy department of our work

Apart from our estimates we would again call your earnest attention to our urgent need of re-inforcements at the Uduvil School. Miss Green has learned that her mother's health is ~~xxxxxxx~~ even poorer than she had thought when we made application for her furlough. It is only because that she cannot bring herself to lay heav-

ter burdens on us than we were able to provide for that she is not planning to return home at once. We therefore are very anxiously awaiting the result of our letter to you. If it is possible we would be so delighted with the return of Rev. R.C.Hastings and Mrs Hastings with one of his daughters. If that is not possible ,we hope that the utmost effort can be made to secure us some help at a very early date. It is impossible for Miss Howland to carry on this work alone or even with some one absolutely new to the situation. We have not been able to see any way that we can otherwise provide for her help without crippling other very necessary work. The work that is being done at Uduvil is of so important a nature that it would be disastrous to injure it by not providing the necessary teachers. We have struggled on with two ladies there. But the situation now demands not two but three missionary ladies for its best progress. Nay for the very existence of its present force for it is not reasonable to expect that they can continue to work at the exceedingly high pressure of these days. Miss Howland has done such invaluable service for so many years in this school that it is only fair to her that her work should not now be made greater than she can well bear. Some way must be made to make her work lighter and yet not lessen the influence of her forceful character upon the Christian life of the two hundred girls there gathered together. We pray that this be made a point of extreme urgency with the Board to find and send at once re-inforcements for thete School.

You will excuse the length of this letter as the text demanded a lengthy discourse.

Hoping to hear from you in an encouraging way at an early date

I beg to remain

Yours in His service

Thos. S. Scott

See A.C.M.

SEP 20 1909

PRICE LIST OF ORDINARY SUPPLIES SHOWING INCREASE IN PRICE IN LAST FIFTEEN YEARS

FOOD SUPPLIES

	THEN	Now	
Milk	1R ¢ per meas.	18 ¢ per meas	increase 50%
Eggs	12 ¢ per doz.	24..36 ¢ per doz	" 100to 200 %
Fowls	18 to 45 ¢ each	40 to 75 ? ea	" 100 % plus
Rice	12 ¢ per meas	18 ¢ per meas	50 %
Flour	10 ¢ per lb	13 ¢ per lb	" 30 %

N.B. American flour cost much more formerly than we can now buy Austrailian flour

Country Vegetables an average increase of 16 %

" fruits similarly or even more

Horse Food

Raw rice	Rs1.50¢ per bus	Rs 2.00 per bus	" 33 %
Peas	10 ¢ per meas	16 ¢ per meas	" 60%

WAGES

Cooly messenger	2¢ per mile	3¢ per mile	" 50%
Cooly day's wage	24¢	36¢	50%
Carpenter's wage	3R to 50¢or 60¢...	50 to 60 to 87 or R1.00	increase of 33to 100%

Mason's wages in the same proportion

Servants	Rs 9to 10or11	Rs 12to 14 or15Rs	""33%to 40%
Teachers Eng Schools	Rs 15tr20 ...	Rs 30to 40 per mo.	100%
Pastor's salary	average Rs 40 per mo	Now Rs Rs 50 permo	25%

Building Matierials

Lumber

mango boards	25¢ per cubit	37¢ per cubit	" 50%
jak "	50¢ per cubit	75¢ pfr cubit	50%
margosa '	50 "" "	75¢ " "	50%
Lime	Rs 6.00 per laster(56 bus)	Rs9. to 10	50% plus
Stone	50¢ per load	75¢ per load	50%
Sand	25¢ per load	50¢ per load	100%

Shi ping charges on goods from Colombo have increased. We can more cheaply go to Colombo which however is still rare with us.

Received Aug 16-1909

SEP 14 1909

Manepay. Ceylon
Aug. 17. 09

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

I am forwarding the Estimates for 1910. My letter of comment is ready on the same but I have submitted it to the Mission for approval. It will be forwarded by the very next mail.

I am yours Sincerely
Thos B Scott

Mrs. T. B. Scott

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ABS'A SEP 17 1903

ABS'A SEP 19 1903

193 Earl St
Kingston Ont.
Sept 15. 1903

Dear Dr Barton.

Will you kindly forward the enclosed to the entertainment committee in connection with the meeting of the American Board. My husband sent it to me to forward, as he had not the copy of the Herald with him — we have been moving and in some way our copy has gone astray — and so I dont know where to send it. I expect my husband home in two weeks more. I am hoping to find that his summer on the farm has done him a world of good. If he isn't real well after that I am going to try and persuade him to go to Clifton Springs and see what they will do for him.

With kind regards to Mrs Barton and yourself

Sincerely
Mary E. M. Scott.

Number to be filled in

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Rec'd SEP 17 1904
Ans'd SEP 17 1904

193 Earl St.
Kingston
Sept 15. 1904

Dear Dr Barton =

Dr Scott's operation for appendicitis was performed this morning. The operation was a tedious one — because he took the Ether badly — and was followed by a good deal of shock.

This evening there is a slight rise of temperature

and a good deal of pain -
We hope however for a
good recovery. I will
let you know tomorrow
how he is

Sincerely

Mary E. M. Scott.

Friday Morning

Dr Scott had a good
night and temperature is
normal this morning.

Mary E. M. Scott
Kingston, Ontario
Sept 15 - 1904

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Rec'd SEP 26 1904

193 Earl St
Kingston
Sept 23rd 1904

Dear Dr Barton

Dr Scott is making a very good and rapid recovery. The stitches were removed yesterday, and the wound had healed by first intentions. We could hardly ask for more than that. He is allowed full diet - and is feeling very well & very thankful that all has gone

so satisfactorily. He will probably be in the hospital for two weeks longer - Dr Wood does not promise him much in the way of strength for the next three months, but after that, he says he thinks he will feel like a new man. I am sure I hope he will - he was very tired of playing sick & yet could not get the strength to be well.

With kind regards
Mary E M Scott.

Mary E. M. Scott
Kingston, Ontario
Sept 23 - 1904

Rec'd JAN 25 1905
Ans'd JAN 27 1905

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193 Earl St.
Kingston.
Jan 20th 1905.

Dear Dr Baskin

The nearer the time comes for us to return to Ceylon the more troubled we are as to the wisdom of taking Helen back with us. I thought perhaps you could help us in deciding. She will be seven years old in March. Do they receive children as young as she is at Auburndale? If so, on

what terms are they received and how much "mothering" do the little folks get?

Do you know much about the new school at Kodaikanal? It has really been started since we were there, and we have not heard much about it. Do they take any other than missionary children there?

Of course children a good deal older than Helen, have stayed in Ceylon, and as far as actual health goes, I dont know that they would suffer much - but as you know there are many other questions that enter in and make it difficult for parents to keep their little folks there. There was nothing, I think, that I felt more like envying the missionaries in Turkey for, than their being able to keep their children so long, and at the same time have them go on with their education.

Hoping all these questions will not be a bother to you I remain yours E.W. Scott.

Mrs Mary E. M. Scott

Livingston. Jan. 20. 1905

JAN 12 1900
JAN 12 1900

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

Penacook N. H.
11-1-1900

Dear Dr Daniels

Your note enclosing Mr. Noyes' to me which you accidentally opened reached me this morning and I hasten to enclose it to you. You see it is an invitation to spend Sunday the 28th with him & speak both morning and evening. I wonder if it would be possible to get the appointment at Montague postponed to Sunday the 28th

be arranged I shall write to the Montague
pastor this morning laying the facts before
him. Mr. Henry Hyde of the church
in Somersworth N. H. wants me for
the last sunday in February the 25th
and I shall by that time be back here
again. Mr. Sargent of Putnam wants me
for one of the earlier sundays in February.

I have heard from Mr. Hoaang and
shall find my way to him early first
calling at the Rooms for more literature

I had a good sunday at Carlisle and

I think it will bear fruit in a
definite share in the forward movement
according to their ability

Hoping that it may be possible to arrange
for both Somerville and Montague

I am, faithfully yours

Thos. Snell Smith

Noyes is a very old friend of mine a fellow-missionary's son and I have been looking forward with pleasant anticipation for more than a year to this opportunity. It would be a better economy of money and time to take Sommerville on the 21st & Montague on the 28th than to reverse the dates. My daughter's birthday is on the 19th & mine on the 24th but we usually celebrate together & so her can be postponed and I can stay about Boston till Monday the 22 if the change at Montague can

JAN 17 1900

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Rev. J. S. Smith

Penacook N.H. 16-1-00

Dear Dr. Barton,

I carelessly left my cardigan jacket hanging in your closet. I will try and remember to remove it on Saturday.

I did not find any chance to talk with you on Monday about a letter just received from Mr. Holton. I hope you can spare me a half an hour or so on Saturday to talk of some matters of importance concerning the Ceylon mission. It seems Mr. Holton

A second foreigner is far more needed at Tillipally than a third one at Batticotta. Mr. Elmer is married by this time & ordained and must have the language fairly too. He ought to be put at Tillipally or Udupitty, and Burns at the other place of these two and a young genuine bachelor of arts to send out for the third American at Batticotta.

This it seems to me will be the best possible arrangement after Walton leaves and I hope the Mission will be writing to ask for it. The College certainly does not need three married teachers. There is plenty of work for two men and for two missionary ladies at Tillipally. Mrs. Elmer & Mrs Burns could lead the bible women Mrs. Dickson the kindergartner take charge of the schools of which there are over 30 connected with Tillipally - Vendilaipo & Eelaly - N. & So.

Mr. Walton cancer in left breast has been a great disappointment

is planning to ~~t~~ take his furlough this year leaving Jaffna next month, that he may return to Madura at the end of 1901. I think you must have heard of this ere this through the secretary of the Madura Mission

It will be too bad for Mr. Dickson to be alone at Tillipally There should be another missionary at Tillipally so that Mr. D. can give himself wholly first to the language & then to the school

Rec'd JAN 27 1900
Ans'd JAN 27 1900

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

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Easthampton 26-1-1900

Dear Dr. Daniels,

Your special delivery reached me at 8. a.m. just too late for me to catch the morning mail for reply. I have no engagements for 1st & 2nd sundays in Feb. & shall seek none as it may be as well to rest the Church rather than accept of a chance offer near Easthampton. So I

go to Putnam Co. for the 3rd
sunday in March
Yet I was 53 year old on the 26th
and Mary was 28 on the 19th We
had a little "at home" yesterday P.M.
limited to a few mostly to my
special friends in the vicinity
Excuse haste please and believe me
ever faithfully Thos Snell Smith

writing to Mrs Ward that I
could come.

I am to go to West
Newton the 3rd Sunday
in Feb. & could come
to an evening meeting
the preceding Sunday if
desired - I shall probably
go on to Penacook after
the 3rd Sunday and from
there for the 4th Sunday
in Feb. to Summersworth
N. H. - Am open for N. H.
engagements for 1st & 2nd
Sundays in March but

is to preach to the College on the 11th and there is to be a meeting addressed by the alumni in the afternoon and I thought I would spend the day there (at Amherst). However I dont want to miss the chance to address the Union Church and will come to Boston for the 11th if Dr. Loomis cannot give one instead the 1st or 2nd Sunday in March You see I am to go for West Newton for Feb. 18 and for Somersworth N. H. for the 25th Feb. If I do come to Boston for the 11th Feb. I shall not return home but spend the week between the 11th & the 18th in Boston & vicinity (and then go to Somersworth the 19th)

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

Rec'd JAN 31 1900
Ans'd JAN 31 1900

Easthampton 29-1-1900

Dear Dr. Daniels

On getting home from Montague at noon today I found your letter of the 27th waiting for me and hasten to reply. I was planning to stay here till the 17th & then go directly down to Boston and out to West Newton for the 18th. I thot it might be as well for me to rest on the 1st & 2nd sundays of February. Moreover I have

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Please consult with Dr Loomis and write me what you think I ought to do.

I had a very pleasant sunday with the Richardsons at Montague. I was surprised ~~with~~ at the size of the audience both morning and evening and at the large number of adults in the sunday school. Had church ought to do a good deal more for foreign missions.

I saw ~~Dr.~~ Mr. McCaddney of Amherst this morning. I think that he will ask Mr. Wishard to come to them for a sunday and I think they can achieve a salary under Wishard's inspiring leadership. I urged him to write to Mr. Wishard at once. Can you give me Mr. Wishard's address. I rather hope for a rest-day next sunday and may ride over to Amherst to hear Dr Gordon of the Old South preach to the college boys. With kind regards to yourself & family I am faithfully yours Thos. Snell Smith.

Please hand enclosure to Mr. Smith

to Mr. Taylor of Newmarket N.H.
that the second sunday in
March will be the day for him.
I have long been booked for
the last sunday in February
at Somersworth N.H. and
the third sunday in March
for ~~the~~ Putnam Co.
I find that it is well that I
have had two sundays of rest
and after another 5 sundays
of service — Feb. 28th to March 18th.
It will be well for me to rest
again for at least two sundays.
On getting home this time I
found myself very weak &
weary but three days of rest &

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

Easthampton Mass.
7-2-1900

Dear Dr. Daniels:

Your favor of the instant is at hand and I hasten to reply.

1. that I will come to Boston on Monday the 16th to speak at Berkley Temple and after a day in Boston shall be ready to go out to West Newton on Saturday night for the 18th.

2. that I shall be glad to go to North Cambridge on the 1st Sunday in March

3 that I will write at once

the prescription of a stimulant by our family doc
good old Dr. Winslow are doing me greatly.
After the 18th instant I should like to go out
to your quiet home if I may for two days
or so of quiet resting. I must see Dr. Alexander
that week or Burton and Dr. Pomeroy too
and see what Dr. A. advises about my next
return to the Sanitarium, and what Dr. C
thinks of my present condition. I was
rather alarmed about myself for a few days

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Daniels
and the children, I am, as ever
faithfully yours
Thos Snell Smith

whether I hope to go for the 2nd Sunday in March. This last trip took me through that place.

I am writing to Mr Chapin by this to send me a mileage at once. I shall hope to see you on Saturday or Monday as I pass through Boston to Cambridge.

I am gaining very perceptibly every day now, and Dr Clements is to begin with a new remedy for reducing the liver as soon as he gets a supply of the same. The weather changed ~~marvellously~~ from 45° Sunday morning to 16° Monday morning & it was 10° here this morning. Yours in haste

Thos Snell Smith

Rec'd FEB 28 1900
Ans'd FEB 28 1900

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

Penacook N.H. 28-2-1900

Dear Dr. Daniels;

I ordered this trip to Somersworth well. It was very careless in me to forget to ask you to ask Mr. Chapin to send me a B & M mileage at once. It would have saved the Board 33 cents on this last trip to say nothing of the depletion of my scanty supply of cash!

It cleared off so that 112 came out to hear me Sunday morning.

Pen marked N.H. is the place where I am wanted and

poorly losing strength with apalling rapidity. I have been going again since the middle of February but am still very weak.

I am grievously disappointed, for I was looking forward with very pleasant anticipations to the long defered visit to Putnam, but it seems to be my duty to defer to the judgement of Dr. Alexander.

Hoping that, in the event of my recovering a fair degree of strength again, the way may yet open for my coming to you some weeks or matter hence, I am,

faithfully yours

Thos Snell Smith.

REC'D MAR 15 1900

Rev. Thomas S. Smith

Penacook N.H.
12-3-1900

My dear Sargent;

I fully expected till this afternoon to be with you next Sunday; but Dr. Alexander protests against my leaving the sanitarium till the end of this month & insists that I must give up my engagement with you and retain him putting speaking for two or three weeks at least. All through the month of January I was very

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Rev. T. S. Smith

MAR 22 1900
MAR 22 1900

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Penacook N. H. 20-3-1900

Dear Dr. Burton;

I will write a few lines and enclose to Mr. Wiggin to hand to you that you may know how I am.

I filled my engagements at West Newton Somersworth N. H. Cambridge Mass. & Newmarket N. H. but when I got back from the latter place Dr Alexander told me that he wanted me to stay quietly here for the rest of March at least and try the effect of ceasing from public speaking. I felt myself that this was only my duty and so I wrote at once March 22nd to Mr.

Sergeant at Pulaski Comm cancelling my engagement with him for Nov. 13th

Dr. Alexander insists that I am doing well. He stopped all internal medicines even the syrup of lecithin which Dr. Pomeroy begged me to keep on taking and put me onto a preparation of Colostrum* which is expected to correct the diarrhoea through its action on the liver and also to decrease the size of the liver.

As soon as I stopped the syrup of lecithin I began to lose strength anew. I stood it till last Sunday when without troubling Dr Alexander

* made from cow's milk.

I put myself into his hands and sent for him at last. I was to do the same to him

quietly assumed the location
addition to his Christian and
has been regaining strength ever
since, without, I am satisfied,
interfering at all with the action
of the latter. The latter certainly
has changed the character of the
discharges from the bowels, has
practically stopped the painful
exhausting diarrhoea and I think
the sensation of distension & oppression
for breath is a little less. I shall
stay here till the first week in April
when I must go home for a week or
two at least to the Easter Vacation if I am
at all fit for the trip as I hope I may be.
I have felt very much depressed & discouraged
at times since coming here but I try to remember
that I am in God's hands and that he will renew
my strength if he longer deems my service.

I put myself into his hands and rest in him at least. I try to do this day by day.
Effectually prayed
His Christmas wishes

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

By kindness of Mr. Wiggins

ior class in Andover who was the "supply" for the day at the Cong. Ch. and whom I met at Andover, called on me in the afternoon & staid to our meeting & helped me in it.

I am feeling better this morning than for weeks before — stronger and with less sense of distension and weight in the abdomen.

I hope this week to write out the sketch of the Training School which the Misses Leitch have offered to get printed for me without expense to me or to the school. It will be of the size of the envelope series ~~and~~ probably and will be illustrated. With the help of such a booklet I can solicit aid for the proposed endowment even if compelled for a time to cease from going out among the churches. /

Please tell Dr. Daniels of my welfare and remember me to all the friends at the rooms who may inquire about me and believe me always

faithfully yours —

Thos. Snell Smith

Rev. J. S. Smith,

MAR 27 1900

Renacook N. H. 26-3-1900

Rev. J. L. Barton D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton;

I thank you very much for your very kind and helpful letter. Your first sentence makes one think you misunderstood me. Dr Alexander stopped the internal remedies i.e. syrup of lecithin, digestive capsules and sub-gallate of bismuth tablets, but he put one onto his new remedy for the liver enlargement ("celestin" from ox gall-) and after a few days added a tonic and for 8 days I have myself resumed the syrup of lecithin on which Dr. Pomeroy laid such emphasis & which he says is a food-medicine, help-ful to digestion and not incompatible with other medicines.

I am glad to report steady & very evident improvement during the past week. Nor have I been compelled to be wholly silent on either sunday for I had a share in the little prayer meeting here at the Sanitarium on sunday afternoon the 18th and yesterday the patients & guests begged me to tell them of the work in Ceylon and we had a very pleasant meeting; nor did the talk of 35 minutes make me over weary. Mr Watson of the con-

N. H. for next sunday, tho I grieved to do it. I have however found something to do right here on the sanitarium on each of thos sundays as I think I wrote you.

Can you lend me for a few days your copy of my little pamphlet on the Sr. & End School published in 1899 and containing my paper ~~read at~~ prepared for the Quarrial Conference at Bomtay in 1893? My own copy is at Easthampton and I fear my wife would not find it easily but if you can lend me yours I will return it in a weeks time. I have my new sketch of the school well underway. Am working at it every morning.

Thanking you for all your helpful kindness sympathy and appreciation,

I am, as ever,

faithfully yours

Thos Snell Smith.

Rev. F. S. Smith

APR 5 1900

Penacook N. H. 4-4-1900

APR 6 1900

Dear Dr. Barton;

I had expected to go home this week but Dr Alexander wants me to stay on till about time to go to New York. I hope however to get away in time to be with my family on Easter Sunday. The New York Conference will begin only five days later. I hope that Mrs. Smith will go with me to New York.

I have gained 6 lbs in weight since coming here and Dr. A. professes himself satisfied with my progress in other respects. I think I am stronger and that the sense of distension and weight in the abdomen is less tho there is "ample room for improvement" still. I have not been away for service for three sundays and by Dr. A's orders have declined an invitation to Worcester

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Rev. J. S. Smith

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I am to give an Easter talk at our little meeting here Sunday. H.S.J. Jr.

Penacook N.H. 13-4-1900

Dear Dr. Barton;

I love my Easter at home after all. Dr. A urged me to give it up that he might have me under him immediate care for another week and watch the effect of the internal remedies which he is using and varying or changing day by day, and get me into so much the better shape for the trip to New York. Moreover I think he wants to have me present at the "Demonstration" of his remedy at the Boston Office next week Tuesday when a company of leading physicians is to meet a company of the present or past patients and examine them for themselves and

the doctor is to announce the ingredients and the chemical symbolic formula of his remedy which is thus to be introduced to the public under the name just adopted for it of "Kresol." The ~~med~~ remedy Kresol will thenceforward be on the market at so much an ounce or so with directions for its use but it will be sold to physicians only and from the central office and they will be encouraged to register their cases and receive gratuitous suggestions as to the treatment of them in their own homes. No charge will be made for the privilege of using the remedy but only for the Kresol itself.

I have been improving more perceptibly the past week. Dr. A. declares he would not conceal it from me if he felt doubtful of my recovery and insists that the liver trouble is already yielding to the remedy he is administering and that the cancer is practically cured but he keeps on injecting

ing a heavy dose of the bensol every day.
If I go to Dr. A's affair I will ~~try~~
d.v. call at the rooms. Dr. A thinks
my wife ought to go to New York
with me to look after me a little on varia
ways and I am hoping to take her with
me. Is our traveling expense i.e. the railway
fare a private charge or are missionary dele
gates furnished with tickets?

I thank you for the sketch of the Bainry
School which I would like to keep a few
days longer. If you have letters from Jaffna
giving the results of the year 1899 (statistical scheme from the churches) I should
be grateful for the reading of them. I have
not seen the Herald for March or April
as my copy goes to Eastham pton. Can an
extra copy of each be sent to me here.
Can you inform me ~~as~~ how to address a letter
to Mr. Holton in England so that it will surely
reach him there? I am, faithfully yours,
Thos. Hull Smith

Rev. T. E. Smith

East Hampton Ms.
2-7-1900

Dear Dr. Barton

Will you not communicate with Dr. Alexander tomorrow Tuesday at his Boston Office by tele phone or in person & learn if you can why he makes no reply to my letters & sends me no more medicine either the Kresol for hypodermic use or Colestrin for internal use. He wrote a card a month 365. since sending some colestrin and

promising to write next day & send the other remedies

I am gaining in strength but am getting very thin.

I feel delicate about going back un-invited but should like to go for a time now to the Sanitarium if agreeable to him

The graduation of Sarah and marriage of Emily are both events of the past and went off very successfully

Yours Truly

Thos E Smith

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THE ALEXANDER SANATARIUM,
(INCORPORATED 1897.)
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IDA R. BRIGHAM, M. D.,
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FRANK O. WEBBER, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE.
TELEPHONE, 1449 BACK BAY.

PENACOOK, N. H. 28th 8 - 1900

AUG 30 1900

Rev. J. L. Barton D. D.
Dear Dr. Barton;

Your favor of the 22nd inst was forwarded from Easthampton and reached me this morning. Both Mr Wiggin & Mr. Smith knew I was here at P. and I supposed that you and Dr Daniels knew it too. I have been here since July 18th having come at Dr Alexanders invitation and I am waiting upon him for leave to go home again. But more of this anon.

I remember that conversation with Dr. Hamlin but I did not remember the name of the man. It may come to me all at once but it eludes me now. It wasn't Hammer, was it Backus or Kingsbury, or Niles, or Ambrett, or Stickney, or some one else. All these were educated in the Seminary at Bates ville and all have sons worthily following them. If the family can help my memory by any details of what Dr Hamlin reported of what I told him I should be grateful for them. I may all come back to me through the working of the wonderful law of association but my memory won't serve me on this point just now! Please convey to the members of Dr Hamlin's family my sympathy and my congratulation on so beautiful an ending of that remarkable human life. I many other, of his fellow missionaries I greatly valued my acquaintance

with Dr Hamlin. When I saw his portrait & your article on him my first thought was "So Dr Hamlin has gone" Both he and Dr Hazen will be greatly missed. In both cases my first that was why am I spared and they taken.

Last night I had a long & grand talk with Dr Robie the home surgeon who has really studied my case for me that Dr. Alexander ever has having given me ten times the treatments that Dr A. ever did and having from the first recommended change of air. I could trust his judgement too as quickly as Dr A and he would never flatter which Dr A. can't help doing!

Dr. Robie says that mine is a very difficult case to diagnose and that prognosis is simply impossible or rather cannot be anything more than conjecture. Whether my disease is carcinoma or sarcoma, whether that was a tumor or a Dr R. has always thought ~~an~~ the gall bladder greatly enlarged and which now reduced to proper size has floated back to its proper position leaving other growth, whether the liver is only enlarged & indurated or at least as to its envelope or case is also cancerous still can not be certainly determined. Dr. R. thinks the envelope case of the liver is still cancerous, & that it is probably carcinoma.

He says the most discouraging symptoms are the dropsical secretion in the abdomen and the increasing sluggishness of the venous circulation; that third and the emaciation indicate cancer

still working, but that the liver & parts of it must be still working freely and so I could not have my clear tongue clear complexion good appetite and fair digestion and that these complaints & the fact that the weak have held my own in strength the past 4 months are all indications ~~facts~~ in my favor - that I have escaped so many threatening & symptoms that I he thinks there is at least a fighting chance for improvement & tho not perhaps any room for hope for entire recovery. He also sees no reason to apprehend any ~~early~~ speedy and sudden ending of my life. I cant get Dr Alexander to go into detail or to admit other than a hopeful prognosis of recovery. but I have great confidence in Dr Robies skill & honesty and in his knowledge of my case.

I hope soon to get Dr A. to tell me what he wants me to do I am in his hands and he has been very generous to me yet his rule ~~all one~~ so one sided as may not appear. Finally think that I earn my board & treatment by the effect of my presence here in its influence on the other patients and on the morale of the little community in promoting hopefulness, confidence in Dr. A. & his treatment, willingness to accept his judgement and be patient under slow progress in improvement &c. &c. I wish you could interview Dr. A. face to face and ~~on~~ get your own impression & if possible a written assurance that a bill would be presented after my death for the week & months of graduates entertainment & treatment.

Rev. T. S. Lincoln, Pencaitland, Scotland

THE ALEXANDER SANATARIUM,
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PENACOOK, N. H.

I think I have written all that is needed. I am still weak and this tendency of blood to the head continues and gives me more misery than any other symptoms.

I eat carefully but quite freely and seem to digest my food well and my appetite is good. The dullness of the abdomen varies.

I am weary & this cancer is here

Affly
F. H. Smith

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PENACOOK, N. H. 10-9-1900

Dear Dr. Barton:

Dr.

Mrs. Brigham the lady in charge of the Sanitarium has just told me that the firm has written her from Boston to ask me if I cand pay $7. per week hereafter for room board and treatment. I went at once to Dr ~~Brigham's~~ Alexander's house to talk the matter over with him but found that he left for Boston at 7 a.m. He may not return tonight and so I am writing by this same mail to him at the Boston Office. He may be in Boston so that you can reach him at the office tomorrow morning. Entirely gratuitous entertainment & treatment was Dr Alexanders own offer without solicitation from me. I was content with the previous arrangement i.e. gratuitous treatment while I got my own room and board. This I think they can hardly refuse for the mere treatment practically costs them nothing. I hope you will urge upon Dr. A. the reasonableness of granting this. I can board myself for $2.50 per week living on just those things as to quality and quantity that are best for me and can probably get a room for $1.00 per week. I would like the prin-

lege of gratuitous treatment at either Penacook or Boston as may suit my convenience the best. I think it would be well to talk with Dr Webber as well as Dr S. I have gained the impression that Dr Webber is rather mercenary.

I will not write more now. Even if they accede to this request I think I had better go home for a time now. My request will include a supply of the remedy for use while I am at home by self treatment. Please include this in your request also in my behalf. I want to get this to the office as soon as possible and so will add no more. I am at least holding my own I think.

I am faithfully yours

Thos. Snell Smith

Dr. Webber, Sept 19

Rev. T. S. Smith

Easthampton Mass. 19-10-1900

Rev. G. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

When I left Penacook Sept 15 Dr Alexander promised to send me at once a supply of the remedy for self treatment but he has not yet so. He assured me that I should have free office treatment either at Penacook or Boston whenever I could come for it and that all the ~~the~~ remedy I wanted for use while at home I should have free of charge. I have written to Dr. A reporting my condition and reminding him of his promise but all to no avail tho he has sent a three weeks supply of the colestin powder for internal use. Will you kindly interview Dr Alexander on Tuesday P.M. at his off in Boston and find out what he means by the neglect of my case & his promise and if possible get from him a vial of the remedy and forward the same to me.

Three days since I received a brief letter from Dr Maurice Richardson professing great interest in my case trusting that I am well & asking me to report my condition to him I distrust his sincerity and believe he is seeking testimony against the Alexander treatment & have not yet replied. Meanwhile I sent a copy of his letter to Dr Alexander asking him what reply he thought I should make to it. I think you know I left the Sanitarium on account of a demand from headquarters in Boston that I

Yours fraternally
T. S. Smith

Kind regards to all friends

Letter with Dr. Daniels Writing & more a burden.

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should pay $7.00 per week. I [illegible] they made a mistake in making this der[illegible] but I could hard argue it with them. If [illegible] income from boarders roo[illegible] and pupils had continu[illegible] I would have written and [illegible] to be allowed to return [illegible] Sanatorium of $15 per week but we have lost all that [illegible] which comes quite be[illegible] yond our control and am now m[illegible] straitened for means with two grown up daughter[illegible] one but earn[illegible] ing nothing. Sarah the third daughter [illegible] to get a position such as she felt fitted for for tea[illegible] Eng. Lit. in some private school and is now taking [illegible] to grad[illegible] work in Eng Lit under Miss Gordon at [illegible] College going up by electric twice or three times pe[illegible] but she would accept almost any position th[illegible] felt fitted for now.

I am gradually getting weaker & [illegible] unsey and huge My feet ankles & legs are swelling [illegible] and it gets harder & harder to get sleep but my [illegible] & digestion remain good. I greatly need a [illegible] easy chair in wh to recline at night when I cant [illegible] bed even tho propped up on pillows. We cant afford to [illegible] the chair Do you sup[illegible]pose one could be borrowed or hire[illegible] I dont think it would be needed for more than a few mon[illegible] Please share this

burlap in which the chair was wrapped
As Mrs. Smith is going to Boston
next week I will let her take it
to the rooms whence it can be
returned to Jordan & Marsh's.

With thanks also to you for making
so good a selection,

I am,
faithfully yours
Thos Snell Smith.

P.S.
Will you try a sample of Ceylon tea.
T.S.

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith
Eastharmpton Mass
30 - 10 - 1900

Dear Mr. Kromer,

The Morris chair
arrived yesterday and is already
installed in my bed room
where it serves me instead of the
bed a part of every night.
I wish I might know to whom
I owe this great kindness. Will
you not convey to him my
grateful thanks. The advantages
of the Morris chair are its comfortable
width and especially its adjustable
back so that I can approach as
nearly to the horizontal as my
head will allow, which is much nearer
some nights than others. The tag asks
for the return express paid of the

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Rev. Thos. Snell Smith
East Hampton Ms. 5-11-1900

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Dear Dr Daniels;

I am very grateful for your kind letter and for all your efforts in my behalf.

I shall write to Whitcomb and if possible to Mr. Whitin as well by the same mail that will take this to you. I am finding the chair a great comfort by night & day. For three nights past I have not been in bed more than two or three hours each night but have been able to sleep pretty well in the chair with the back let down to the last notch but one.

My discomfort of body gradually increase and my heart has so troubled me the past 8 days that the doctor has had me stay up stairs all the while & my meals have been brot to me I hope however to be able to

all seem to me most reprehensible. Bryan is not an ideal candidate but as between the two I must cast my vote for him. He and his party are far more like Lincoln & his party in 1860 than are McKinley and the Rep. party of today.

It is hard for me to write with a pen but if I only could have the use of a caligraph I think I could manage considerable secretary for the Ind. Schools from friends who have already expressed a purpose to aid. Mr. Wiggin must have at least $100 in hand for the school and some of that might be taken for buying a 2nd hand caligraph. I name the caligraph not because I deem it the best machine but because it is the one on wh my fingers will work almost automatically from long habit. I will enclose Mr. Dickson's letter which I wld like returned. Please consult with Dr Barton & Messrs Wiggin and Pratt and let me know what you four think had best be done. Possibly a caligraph could be borrowed or hired.

My wife goes to Boston tomorrow night. She will stay after the meeting to visit a little in Brookline and elsewhere.

Remember me please with grateful affection to each member of your own family. I fear I can never renew the pleasant times I have had in your delightful home. The walk from the electric up would be quite beyond my powers & now the Dr. strongly advises against trying to go up & down stairs at all! He says "work the heart as little as possible." Good by once more from yours faithfully Thos Snell Smith.

go down stairs again tomorrow.
After two weeks or so I hope to go to my sister in Winchester Mass. for two or three weeks and while there to have the operation of "aspiration" performed again. This time the water has accumulated chiefly within the abdominal cavity and the peritoneum will have to be pierced and that may cause inflamation & keep me bed or chair ridden for two or three weeks.
This operation will probably afford me a good deal of relief for a time.
Tomorrow I vote for the first and probably for the only time in my life and I shall vote for Bryan. I cannot vote for McKinley and the policy he represents. His course in the Phillipines, his probable intentions in re Cuba and St. Thomas, his treatment of Porto Rico his falsity to civil service reform

Rev. T. B. Smith

Evesham 25-11-90

Dear Dr. Smith

Many thanks for your kind letter. If you will secure an interview with Dr Alexander on Tuesday and ask him if he thinks it safe or wise to continue treat my myself by injection. I have stopped doing it since my heart became so sensitive

Mrs. Smith

wish he would send me a fresh supply of the colestrin powder I think that is helpful to the liver & to my digestion

Last night Dr Spurke tapped my scrotum which with the penis & prepuce was very full of water. He is to bring Dr Williams today to consult as to tapping my abdomen. I dont go to bed at all now but sleep pretty well in my chair. Appetite & digestion fair

Mr. Alexander is of the opinion that if I could be doing work which would provide some means for my family I would recover. Please let me know what you think & let me know what I can do. Yours sincerely

trenchment 10 percent one year and 5 percent one or two other years. But for this I should not have left Jaffna so much in debt and our furniture &c would not have been sacrificed so to the settlement of the debt. It seems to me that the valuable plant of the school buildings & property including work-shops machinery stores &c all of which I accumulated without expense to the Board should be taken into account as justification for such a grant. I long to be assured that a debt shall not be left to hang like a mill-stone round the necks of my widow & children after I am gone as it has hung about my neck & my heart ever since I left Jaffna.

I want to be assured too of the status of wife & children the three youngest I wish to know that the children will continue to receive the annual allowance of $250 each until 20 years old and to know what will be done for my widow. I think she would be the happiest back at her work for women in Jaffna. She is not needed by the children here Mary & Hezzah have the younger children well in hand and Mrs. D's functions & position have been so completely usurped without I trust intent of wrong to her that her position after I am gone will be a very trying one and she can really do more for the younger ones in Jaffna than any where at home. Either at Tillipally or Odanville there is plenty of work for her and I know that she would be heartily welcomed by the native Xians & I trust by the missionaries as well. In talking among the women, in looking after the village girls schools & in caring for the social

I hope to get my will written tom
Dr Sparks thinks I can hope for release
before the end of the year. He says the
dropsical condition is becoming so gene
and the pressure is so great that the he
must give out. Dr Williams has not yet
returned to town and so the consult
tion as to tapping the abdomen gos
over till tomorrow. The tapping of the ce
tum was some-what painful but the o
operation will I fear be much severer.

I long to have my acct with the Bran
settled. Evidently our things in Jaffna
wont sell for enough to clear the debt
by several hundred rupees. If all due fr
Odonilla Church and from pupils in the
Fr. & Bud School could be collected it wou
more than suffice but I am doubtful o
the possibility of collecting them tho accts
due me I think it would be only fair
for the Bud. Com. to repay to me the sum
withheld from salary in third years of se

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THE MORNING STAR: 24th Jan, 1901.

Jaffna, Ceylon.

REV. THOMAS SNELL SMITH.

Last week's mail brought us the tidings, more or less expected, of the home going of Mr. Smith who for nearly 27 years was a member of the American mission in Jaffna. Mr. Smith was born at Varany, Jan. 24th, 1845 when that place was occupied as a mission station. In 1856 he went to America in company with his parents, taking the long voyage in a sailing vessel round the Cape of Good Hope. He prepared for College in one of the Grammar schools and entered Amherst in June 1862. Graduating four years later, he taught a year in a preparatory school where his sons are now fitting for College. His theological course was taken in Andover Seminary in the days of the famous theologian, Dr. Parks. After leaving the Seminary in May 1869 he preached for a year or two in America, and then received his appointment as missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. On March 21st, 1871 he married Miss Emily M. Fairbank, daughter of Rev. Dr. Fairbank of the Mahratthi mission, India, and soon after with his wife sailed for Ceylon where they arrived in July of the same year.

For the first few months Mr. and Mrs. Smith were stationed at Urikardu where they could devote their whole time to the study of the language. On the departure of Rev. and Mrs. J.C. Smith (the parents of Mr,T.S.Smith) to the United States they moved up to Udupiddi where they remained about two years. In 1874 they were changed to Manepay where they were active in every Christian work, Mr. Smith superintending the Press and the Medical Class in addition to his other duties. In Jan. 1878 they went to Tellipallai where Mr. Smith took up with vigor what afterwards proved to be his principal work for Jaffna. For 20 years they labored in Tellipallai, Mr. Smith mainly in connection with the Training and Industrial schools and Mrs. Smith with the Bible Women, and both stamped their impress upon these two departments. During this time they went home but once,—from Jan. 1886 to Jan, 1888. In the year 1895 their eldest daughter Miss Mary, joined them at Tellipallai in order especially to relieve her mother of the education of the two boys. In March 1898 they all left for the home land, the parents expecting to return after a period of well earned rest.

On arriving in the United States, Mr. Smith found a home in Easthampton, Mass, and after settling the family started out in deputation work in the western part of the country. It was while he was going about from place to place that he became convinced that his liver was out of order and consulting with a local physician was referred to specialists in the East. On his return he went to two of the leading physicians of Boston who told him that he had cancer of the liver from which in all probability he could never recover. One doctor went so far as to say that in his opinion Mr. Smith could not live 6 months; he little knew the indomitable will of his patient. Hearing of a doctor in charge of a sanitarium who claimed that he could cure such diseases, Mr Smith put himself under his care, and for over two years fought courageously and hopefully against his malady. He was very sure that he was being helped and sanguine that he would soon be quite restored to health. For a time he made rapid improvement; the tumor was greatly reduced in size, and he felt much better in general health.

On June 29th of last year their second daughter, Miss Millie, was married, and though Mr. Smith was feeling poorly at the time, he nevertheless was able to perform the marriage ceremony. Not long after he began to fail again, became very weak, and finally succumbed on the 16th of December, aged 55 years and 11 months. A friend who visited him in his home but three days before his death writes;—"Mr. Smith expects to have the third operation performed (for dropsy) tomorrow. Mrs. Smith said that the doctors dreaded to do it as they feared he did not have strength to rally from the operation. I had only a few minutes talk with him. He looks very badly and realizes that his end is near. He has made such a fight for life." Later on came a postscript, "Mr. Smith is more comfortable since the operation." A letter mailed on the 18th, two days later, from the Rooms of the A, B. C. F. M. in Boston, says,—"Mr. Thos S. Smith has entered into his rest."

Thus passed away one who spent the best years of his life in Jaffna in working for the good of the Tamil people. He was not much over 55, and had his life been spared might have accomplished much more for the land of his birth

He was a very hard working missionary and one who under God did a great work for the Tamils of our peninsula. Almost at the commencement of his career as a missionary he became convinced of the importance of manual education, believing that it would go a long way towards impressing our young men with right views of labor. He threw himself heart and soul into schemes for industrial education. In the report of his first year's work at Tellipally he wrote:—"During the first term of the year 1878, the experiment was introduced of requiring all the pupils to spend one hour daily in manual labor of some sort. This was continued through the year with very satisfactory results."

From that time on he worked indefatigably for the interests of the school often incurring the displeasure of others in his zeal for the advancement of his plan. New buildings for the Training and Industrial schools were put up; an engine, a circular saw for cutting up logs, and sundry tools were gotten out from America; and other work started which he hoped to be able to complete on his return to Jaffna. He hoped also to collect funds for the endowment of the institution, and to get a new supply of necessary machinery; but his sickness prevented him from carrying out his intentions. He did succeed however in so impressing the Board with the importance of this work that they consented to send out Mr. and Mrs. Dickson to take his place at Tellipallai.

Nor was Mr. Smith less active in work among the churches. It would be a great mistake to think of him as interested only in his Training and Industrial schools. He took a broad view of mission work and interested himself in all departments of labor. It was largely due to his energy and help that three village churches were organized, North Erlarly, Varany and Nunavil; two others, South Erlarly and Atchuvaly, owe their organization partly at least to his efforts. In the erection of church buildings he took a prominent part, and several small chapels owe their existence to his example as a generous contributor, and to his activity in pushing the work through. The beautiful building erected for the Oodooville Girls Boarding school will long remain a monument to his success as a builder.

No missionary of modern times knew the American mission field better than Mr. Smith. He knew the people thoroughly and mingled with them in their homes, and while he sometimes pained his friends by his outspoken remarks, he at the same time was sincere in his desire to help them in pointing out their mistakes. Hundreds will testify to his kind deeds and sympathetic words in times of distress and sorrow.

Mr. Smith was a man of strong opinions and had the courage of his convictions. He was liberal in his views, progressive in his policy, and optimistic in his hopes. His sanguine temperament sometimes led him to view affairs in too rosy a light; but no one who knew him ever became discouraged, or morbid in his presence. He will be greatly missed in every department of mission work, and we are poorer in "having one less in this world who knew the mission work of Jaffna."

Faithful to the work eutrusted to him by his master, self-sacrificing and always ready to help others in their need, patient in suffering, he has gone home to his eternal rest. One cannot think of the past two years of patient suffering and submission to God's will, without feeling a thrill of joy that such clear evidence of the Divine presence is vouchsafed the Christian. His submission to God's will was not the fatalism of the east. When told that he could not live long he did not fold his hands and piously exclaim, "It is the will of heaven;" but he fought bravely against the disease which had fastened itself upon him,—not refusing legitimate means for preserving his life yet willing to stop when His Master called him to come up higher. To the very last he spoke for Jaffna, he worked for Jaffna, he prayed for Jaffna, and the many young men who were his students at Tellipallai can do no better than to devote themselves as heartily and fully as he did to the salvation of their people. The Master calls away the workmen, but the work goes on.

Many will join us in expressing loving sympathy for Mrs. Smith and the six children, so sorely bereaved, praying that the God of the fatherless and widow will be with them to sustain and comfort.

the letters to Alexander Sanitarium - Penacook - New Hampshire" as some of them are business letters and ought to receive immediate attention.

I have never thanked you as I ought for the card which you sent us last New Years day - It was one of the most helpful - most uplifting - dare I say most heavenly message I ever received May the Heavenly Father grant you the fulness of His presence and blessing in the New Year on which we are entering - Yours sincerely

E. M. Smith

Southampton Mass
15-1-1900

Dear Dr Barton

This morning I sent five letters to your care for Mr Smith thinking he would be in Boston for a few days. A letter has just been received which says that Dr Alexander wishes to have him return to the sanitarium for heavy treatment. Consequently he will leave Boston before the mail is in. Will you kindly email

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Mrs. Emily F. Smith,
Northampton

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Dear Dr Barton

Did my husband send you a copy of the photograph which was taken the day after Thanksgiving 1899

If he did not I should like to send you a copy as it was an excellent picture and the expression very characteristic I do not know if you will need it for the next issue of the Herald - but I have a copy on hand and will forward it immediately if you wish it.

Please accept my sincere

and grateful thanks for the generous vote of the Rudersh committee in allowing me the full allowance for the family for the next three months. that is, if I understand it correctly the first quarter of 1901.

By that time we shall, I trust, have more knowledge of the way that the Lord would have us walk in. Mary has returned to New York and we pray that some way may open before her for the use of her fine education and talent for teaching. Miss Jordan of Smith College thinks it much wiser for Liyah to finish this year of work with her before

attempting to teach - I feel that the Lord guided her very plainly in begining work with so fine an instructor and I can only praise him for all these blessings ~~and~~ my only desire is that she become like her teacher an earnest working helpful woman - whom to know is an inspiration -

Please accept my grateful thanks for the words of appreciation and kindly sympathy which you spoke of my dear husband - Mrs Wood (Kate Hastings) said it was one of the best Missionary addresses she ever heard - Many have spoken of the uplift which they gained from your words -

It seems wonderful to me. How you can enter so personally into the hearts & inner life of some of us who are here in this country for so short a time - The Lord certainly has given you a wonderful power of sympathy and I thank you for all you have been to my husband - during these trying years, while he has been so shut off from doing what he wished to accomplish for the work he loved with an intensity known but by few -

Very sincerely yours
Emily K Smith

199 Main St
Northampton
Massachusetts

Mrs. Emily F. Smith 375.

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639 Lexington Ave
May 19th 1902

Dear Dr Barton

Please accept my most sincere, heartfelt thanks for your kindness in presenting my case to the Prudential Committee for an allowance for the coming year. Please thank them in my behalf for their continued kindness to me and my children.

God grant that the way may open for us to have a home before the close of another school year where we can be together.

I had expected to find some work for the summer vacation, but both Abbie's health and mine are such that Mamie thought I ought not to make the attempt. I have been waiting to know what the Lord had for me to do. It seems as if I ought to be with Abbie this summer. and so I have felt that for some reason this was the Masters work concerning me. That I may hear the voice "This is the way walk ye in it is my daily prayer.

Many thanks for the "Deputation to India and Ceylon". I shall make out a list soon of friends

to whom I shall wish to have
copies sent.

Most gratefully yours
Emily H Smith

Miss Emily F. Smith

Barton

Copy made without charge

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Winchester New Hampshire
July 8th 1902

Recd July 10

Dear Dr Barton =

It has been impossible for me to order the pamphlets "The Deputation to India and Ceylon" before, as I was not able to pay for them

This month however I shall be able to do so. and I shall consider it a privilege to send copies to the following names

Rev William H. Smith
Aurora Illinois.

Mr Henry H. Smith
65 Graham St Gardner, Mass.

E. SWETT
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✓ Mrs John H. Hobbie
Lewiston, New York

✓ Mrs Dougherty
Fairport. New York.

✓ Mrs G. C. Fairbank
905 Grove St Jacksonville
Illinois

Mrs Milton Matthews
Concord Morgan Co Illinois

✓ Mrs Lyra D. Bachelder
North Brookfield Mass.

✓ Miss Susan Fairbank
Oakham Massachusetts

Mrs. R. P Smith

✓ Mrs R. P Smith
128 Fifth St East
Hutchinson Kansas

✓ Mrs Austin Lyman
Main St Easthampton Mass.

✓ Mr Allen C. Spear
Arcadia - Galveston Co. Texas

✓ Mrs James Marson
23 Elm St. Penacook New Hampshire

✓ Miss Fannie L. Burnham
Dunbarton - New Hampshire

✓ Mrs Johnson
Luzerne Ave. Rittston Pennsylvania

✓ Miss Mary E. Smith
Winchester. New Hampshire

✓ Miss Nellie J. Turner
Rose. New York

May the blessing of the Lord go with these pamphlets a help and interest others as have done me in the reading of these pages.

Most sincerely yours
Emily R. Smith

P.S. ✓
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Amherst - Massachusetts

Mrs. Emily H. Smith 377.

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Cedar Bank Lewiston Me.

September 26th 1902

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - Mass.

Dear Dr Barton

Enclosed please find the letter of which I spoke from Mr Dickson - I should like a few copies for distribution if you have them printed as I sincerely trust you may - If not kindly return this letter to me as I can not just now copy it entire and there are many points in it which I think are most important to be known by our churches -

Have you seen the booklet

M.P.R. Oct 1, 1902

Kindly send 1 copy of
The Deputation to India & Ceylon

✓ Mrs A. V. Grossetta
1 copy to Tuscon, Arizona

✓ Miss Mary G. Vogt
Lewiston New York

4 copies to

✓ Mrs Epa Batchelder
North Brookfield
~~1 copy to~~ Mass.

✓ Mrs A. P Scoville
Lewiston New York

1 copy to

✓ Mrs Harold Hayes
Buffalo New York

1 copy to
Mrs Eugene Sage
Lewiston New York

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Yours most cordially.

Emily N Smith

c/o Mrs John A. Hobbie

Lewiston -

New York.

A. A. Hard

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Vaddukoddai, January 18th, 1905.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Ans'd FEB 28 1905

My dear Dr. Barton,

It is now one year and four months since I arrived in Jaffna. I dave found the work not at all disappointing but very much to my taste. Congenial associates in the college and in the mission have done much toward making my stay pleasant.

As my second year begins, I am naturally beginning to think about the future, so I write to ask what time you expect me to return to America. If at all possible I should like to return next Autumn before very cold weather, as I fear my throat might give me trouble if there were too great a change. Of course I realize that I am going to cost the college a great deal for two years' work, but my fiancee consented to my coming only on the condition that I should return at the end of two years. I give this as the chief consideration because it is so. Otherwise, I would be glad to prolong my stay indefinitely.

AS to the future, I have no definite plans at present. I find myself attracted toward Y.M.C.A. work but am not at all convinced of my fitness for it. From what I have seen of the effects of higher Christian education here, I am fully convinced of its importance in the development of the Christian life among these people. I hope to go to Kodaikanal next vacation and that will give me an opportunity to study missionary work in India, at least to some extent. I need scarcely say that the gist of all these personal remarks is that I am pretty well satisfied with the opportunities for Christian service in India or Ceylon, and that I am sincerely seeking to find the department of mission work which I ought to enter for my life work. Any counsel or suggestions which you may care to give me in this personal matter will be highly appreciated, I assure you.

Sincerely yours

Arthur A. Hard.

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Rec'd MAY 4 1905

~~Ans'd MAY 4 1905~~

Ans'd MAY 4 1905

Kodaikanal, April 4th, 1905.

My Dear Dr. Barton,

Some time ago I wrote you concerning my coming home at the end of next term.

By this mail you will probably receive a letter from Mr. Bicknell which raises a new problem. No doubt the easiest solution of the difficulty would be for me to stay over until the Calcutta examinations next march. It would be a distinct disappointment to me for I was hoping to get in a year of theological study by going home the last of august. But so far as I am concerned personally, I could forgo the much-desired homegoing if I were made to feel that it is necessary.

But I am a little anxious as to the effect of the sudden disappointment upon my fiancée.

As the time is so short, I suggest that you write to her directly and have a frank statement of what she thinks about my staying. I ask this because it was only on condition that I return at the end of two years, that she consented finally to my coming. If this disappointment should mean broken health for her and thus the blighting of our hopes for foreign service, I think it would be wrong to ask for the sacrifice.

In some respects, the best thing to do, it seems to me, would be for some one to come out with Mr. Hastings, to stay for a term of years. At present I do not feel that I would want to spend my life in Jaffna college — if asked to do so — unless it is merged into a union college. I couldn't work heartily when I felt that much of our energy must go into competition with a sister Christian college. I like my work, however, very much, and have some very good grade among the boys, so that the work itself I feel to be well worth while.

Yours sincerely, A. A. Hard. (over)

A. A. Ward

P. S. Kodaikanal - ~~S. India~~ - Apr. 4

Miss Bookwalter's address is,

Miss Alice Bookwalter,
294 Main St.
Bar Harbor,
Maine.

A. A. Ward

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Vaddukkoddai, Ceylon. July 19-1905.

Rec'd AUG 21 1905

Ans'd AUG 22 1905

Vaddukoddai, July 19, 1905.

My Dear Dr. Barton,

No doubt it would have been better for all concerned if I had written oftener, and let you know circumstances here and my own thoughts and plans. However, I have been waiting for some definite news about the "coming man".

I am sorry that the distance is so great between Ceylon and America so that it is very unsatisfactory trying to arrange

a little longer, if I had presented the need of it as I now see it. But I did not see it myself until recently so there was no time for communications concerning this phase of the subject.

The present situation as I understand it, is somewhat like this, — it has been agreed that I am to come home this autumn if another man can be found. Mr. Fritts has been secured, and I am supposed to be planning to return home soon after he arrives, as I can not leave the work until he does come. In your last letter to Mr. Hitchcock you speak of Mr. Fritts leaving America in September. If that means

any matter of business. If I had been near enough to send and receive communications more rapidly, I feel sure that arrangements could have been made for my staying on here until the end of the school year in March next. With our fine B.A. class, it behooves us to do good work and pass a goodly number next March. But it is next to impossible to give one unacquainted with the work here an idea of the importance of a few months to the work of the school. I am saying this to show you why Miss Bookwalter felt disposed to insist upon my coming home this Autumn. I feel sure that she would have consented to my staying

Early in Sept., all will be well. But suppose Mr. Fritts should not reach here until after the middle of October. That would land me in America about Dec. 1st. To one who suffers from throat trouble as I usually do in winter, it would be dangerous to reach home so late. So I ought to reach home early in Nov or else stay here until Spring. I would be glad to do so, except that now Miss Bookwalter is confidently expecting me home this autumn and I should feel guilty if I helped to disappoint her.

I know you will understand that this letter is not written in a spirit of complaining, for I appreciate thoroughly the uniform courtesy which has characterized all your dealings with me.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Hard.

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A. A. Hard

Rec'd NOV 23 1905

Ans'd NOV 24 1905

Vaddukkoddai - Ceylon. Oct 21 - 1905.

Vaddukkoddai, Oct. 21.

My dear Dr. Barton,

As a new phase of the situation here has presented itself through Mr. Hastings' extension of furlough, I must let you know of my decision in relation to it. It seems that Mr. Hastings, at least, has not known exactly my own desires about returning home. I never hinted to him or anyone that I would stay until Christmas

and then come home. As you know from two or three letters which I wrote to you, that I could not venture home in cold weather on account of chronic throat trouble. Well, that doesn't matter, as it has not affected my going or staying, in the least.

I had been planning to leave as soon as Mr. Tritte should arrive - in fact, if he had come earlier I meant to stay until he was well settled in his work. But as soon as word came that Mr. Hastings would not return for another six months, the problem changed for the worse. I must either run off and leave a fine B.A. Class to flounder and fail in their examinations next March, or else stay on. Even with these foreigners here it would have been difficult enough for a new man to take up my work, and conduct a satisfactory review of seven texts in English Literature, many of which would probably be unfamiliar. So, if I should leave, there would be too many classes for each teacher, as there is now, and one of these teachers being new - and having to conduct review in B.A.

English and Philosophy — i.e. both my work and Mr. Bicknell's for the last two years — of course it was not to be thought of. So you see it isn't strange that I decided to stay until next March.

Perhaps I have not written as fully as I ought about my thoughts and the situation as seen from this end, but I thought I had been explicit enough.

Now the only question that needs settlement is whether I may count upon returning home next Spring, as soon as the boys are ready for the University examinations. I will be very grateful to have an explicit "yes" to that proposition.

Yours sincerely, A. A. Hard.

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Rec'd FEB 20 1906

Vadduvekoddai, Jan. 23, 1906.

My Dear Dr. Barton,

Now that my plans for returning home are assuming some definiteness, I write to let you know what I propose to do.

I have a brother who is a missionary in Canton, China, another brother at Baker City, Ore., another at Boise City, Idaho, and another at Toledo, Iowa. It seemed to me that I ought to see these brothers, if possible, before going to the foreign field permanently, and this seemed a favorable opportunity, so I have investigated the cost of coming home

by way of the Pacific. Through rate to Portland, Ore., is Rs. 659, and to Chicago Rs. 756. Of course I shall take the latter ticket, provided they will allow me stopover privileges at the points where my brothers live. In any case, I shall expect to bear the extra cost — in excess of what it would have cost by way of the Atlantic.

Since thinking seriously of this plan, there has not been time to get a reply from you, else I would have asked your opinion before deciding. I have engaged passage on the P. & O. S. S. "Oceana" leaving Colombo Feb. 24, arriving at Hong Kong about March 9th. Leave Hong Kong March 16th on S.S. "Minnesota", reaching Seattle April 14th.

Letters sent to Odon, Indiana, will be forwarded to me after I reach America.

We are busy with the final review before the University examinations. Yours, A. A. Hard.

A. A. Hard

Vaddukkoddai - Ceylon. Jan. 23 - 1906.

LEWIS BOOKWALTER, President

Rec'd MAY 14 1906

GEORGE SCOTT, Vice President

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Otterbein University

WESTERVILLE, OHIO, May 11, 1906.

Rev. J. L. Barton,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of april 30th has just reached me here. I will enclose my traveling account, on a separate sheet. I have not included dining car, sleeping car, or Porter's fees from Seattle to Chicago, as those are not absolutely necessary expenses. If there are any items included which are not ordinarily included in an expense account, of course I shall not expect them to be returned.

I am sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Hastings can not return to Jaffna this Spring. There will be two discouraged men at the college when they hear of it, for they were building large hopes on the relief that would come with Mr. Hastings' return. Mr. Fritts was unable to carry full work when I

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left — couldn't sleep well and had trouble with his eyes — and Mr. Hitchcock had the additional station work in addition to Principal's work and teaching, so I fear some one or both of them may break down under the extra load when the new term begins. They managed to get along the remainder of the term after I left, because several classes were dropped on account of the near approach of examinations. Let us hope, however, that they will pull through until relief comes.

In your letter you speak of my coming on east. No doubt you expected me to pass through Boston on my way to Bar Harbor, but since Miss Bookwalter is now here at home, I am not expecting to go any farther east at present — perhaps not at all this summer, unless some special reason should arise.

You may be sure that if I come anywhere near Boston I shall come up to the office and talk over Jaffna affairs, for I find that I have learned to love the place. The present seems to me an important time in the history of the College and Christian work in the Peninsula. But I still think that the missions ought to eliminate competition in educational work, if it can possibly be done. I expect to be here until about May 21, after that date at Odon, Indiana.

Sincerely yours, Arthur A. Ward

Arthur A. Ward
Fairfield, O.
May 11-1906.

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Rec'd JUN 2 1906

Ans'd JUN 11 1906

Odon, Ind., May 30, 1906.

My Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter containing check for eight dollars and fifteen cents was received and I enclose voucher. I want to express my appreciation of the courtesy and thoughtfulness which have been shown toward me during my brief connection with Jaffna College.

You invite me to consult me in regard to future plans. Just at present, I have no very definite plans. While in Shanghai, China, I was much impressed with the opportunity for educational work in connection with the Y.M.C.A.

However, I have received no official proposal in regard to that work, so nothing may come from it.

Would you care to tell me whether there is any place in Ceylon or South India in which you could use me? You see, I am not ordained and I suppose for that reason I would not be available in the regular mission work, and the educational work seems limited to Jaffna College and Madura.

I wish we might have a frank talk about some of these things. There is a possibility of my coming east about July 1st, and if so, I shall come into the office for consultation. Meantime I shall appreciate any suggestions you may care to make.

Sincerely yours, A. A. Hazel.

Arthur A. Ward

Odon - Indiana May 30 - 1906

LEWIS BOOKWALTER, President

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GEORGE SCOTT, Vice President

Rec'd AUG 17 1906

Otterbein University

Ans'd AUG 29 1906

WESTERVILLE, OHIO, August 15, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton,
Boston mass.

My Dear Dr. Barton,

Early in the summer I wrote you in regard to a possible opening for service in Ceylon or India. Your reply indicated that it was uncertain whether any place would be open in that field this autumn.

Since your reply reached me I received a call from the W. M. A. of the U. B. Church, to represent them in the proposed training school in Canton, China, negotiations for which, I understand, are being carried on by the missionaries of the L. M. S.

the American Board, and the W. M. A. of the U. B. church in that field. Yesterday I had a conference with part of the trustees of the W. M. A., but I haven't been able to give myself to the proposed work. I have not given a final negative to the proposition as yet because the final plans for the ~~oth~~ school have not yet been received or approved by the different Boards, but up to the present moment, the proposition has not appealed either to my inclination or sense of duty.

Naturally, I begin to feel that my life work may be somewhere else, and since my interest in Jaffna seems not to fail with the lapse of time, I think it can do no harm to write to you frankly about these things and see whether there has been any change in the demand for workers there since your last letter. In any case, I shall be interested in hearing whether Mr. Hastings will return, or who else is to go.

Sincerely yours, Arthur A. Hardy

P.S. Address me as Adam, Sudan.

Arthur A. Hardy
Aug. 15-1906
Fayetteville, O.

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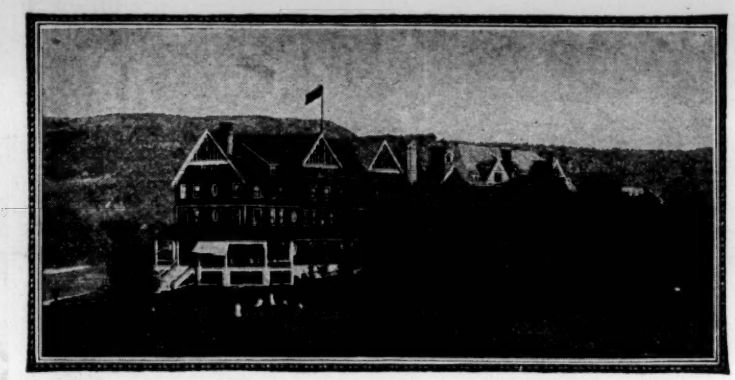

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Ans'd SEP 12 1906

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September 11, 1906.

My Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter was forwarded to me here, so there was some delay in its reaching me.

I was called here to attend a training conference for Y. M. C. A. Secretaries who are to go the foreign field this autumn. After reaching here Mr. Mott came at me with a definite proposition to go as a secretary to India this autumn. After several days of consideration, the proposition has been accepted. In view of the uncertainty in regard to the possibility of my being wanted in Jaffna, I feel sure you will

Arthur A. Ward

E. Northfield - Mass. Sept. 11-1906.

not blame me for accepting the call of the International Committee. I understand perfectly the reason you ~~have~~ need a man of theological training to go to the college at this time, for it is very important to hold those young men for the ministry. I hope Mr. Bicknell will decide to go. I confess it was agreeable to think of going back again to the college, especially if it might have been in company with the Bicknells, but I didn't hope that such a plan could be carried out, on account of the heavy expense involved. I find myself much attached to the college and the boys, but it seems that my duty lies elsewhere. I shall always be interested in the school, and the Ceylon and Madura missionaries, who were so good to me.

Sincerely yours, A. A. Ward.

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Tellippalai, Ceylon, November 7th, 1909.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:

I began a letter x some time ago to Dr. Patten, but only now have found time to finish it. I trust that my delay in sending in my application has caused no inconvenience. If you had a chance to talk with Mr. Dickson after his return home, you will understand that my hands have been pretty full since coming here, and this will have to be my excuse for not writing sooner.

In the first place, I should like to tell you that I am glad to be back here in Jaffna again. This is an insignificant place on the map but the work of the Kingdom here is quite important enough to stimulate one to do his very best. The leadership of the foreign missionary is no longer so unquestioned as in the good old days, and one is kept on his mettle in order to keep the respect and confidence of the ablest men, both Christian and Hindu.

I presumex that the International Committee have taken up with you the question of some adjustment of my outfit allowance and traveling expenses to India. Of course, I am personally responsible to them for settling the matter satisfactorily, but Mr. Andersen wrote me that he would take up negotiations direct with you, and I shall be glad to have the matter adjusted so. I owe also, about Rs. 200 for salary advance, which I should be glad to have paid through your office and deducted from my salary. I have suggested to Mr. Andersen to communicate to you the exact amount.

Mr. Andersen has an Insurance policy of mine which he has kept in for safety and for convenience in paying the premiums. Would it be entirely convenient for your office to do the same. If not, I will try to make some other arrangement.

Your circular letter to the missionaries reached us some time age. We are all most heartily agreed as to the need for mastery of the vernacular. But what is one to do situated as I am. I began bravely and strggled along for two weeks. Since then I have not seen inside of the book. Now, however, I have the run of things a bit, so intend beginning again. But I can't possibly find time for more than one hour a day, and that is not enough for mastering a language like Tamil. The Missions ought to unite and form a school at Kodaikanal and compel every new missionary to complete the full course. With the pressure of administrative duties such as we have here, it seems almost impossible to get hold of the language as one ought. Mrs. Ward is pegging away at the language study in spite of maternal duties. Her good example ought to be a help to me.

Yours sincerely

A A Ward.

H. C. York

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C. H. PATTON
MAY 16 1908
Ans.

125 Dwight st., New Haven, Conn.,

May 15, 1908.

Dear Dr. Patton:-

In reply to yours of recent date I can say that it is reasonably certain that I can attend the conference in Boston during the last three days at least, viz., the eighth to the tenth. This applies to Miss Rogers as well as to myself. If I find that we can come earlier I will let you know immediately.

Dr. Barton remarked in the course of our interview that the latter half of the conference would be the part of chief interest to Miss Rogers and myself, and from the printed program I see that this is so. I understand your reasons for wishing us to be present at the earlier sessions as well, and will try to be there for the opening if duties down here do not call insistently.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry C. York.

P.S. I suppose you will inform me of the date of our sailing as soon as the passage has been engaged.
I told Dr. Barton that we would prefer to sail from New York rather than from Boston, unless it proves inconvenient for you so to arrange.
H. C. Y.

MAY 18 1908

125 Dwight st., New Haven, Conn.,

May 18, 1908.

Dear Dr.Barton:-

In regard to the contract for my teaching at Jaffna College, the terms you mention are perfectly satisfactory; viz., 3000 rupees per year with passage to Jaffna and furnished rooms at the college, salary to begin on arrival; that the cost of return, unless due to illness or at the request of the college, shall be borne by me if occurring earlier than at the expiration of three years, one-third to be borne by the college if I remain for three years, two-thirds if I remain for four years, and the entire expense to be borne by the college if I remain the full five years,- the above terms covering the legitimate traveling expenses of myself and family.

As I wrote Dr.Patton a few days since, Miss Rogers and myself hope to be in Boston for the last three days of the conference at least. Possibly we may be able to come up earlier, tho I doubt it. It is not alone the examinations this time, but other duties are very urgent at that time. Unless more important than I can possibly conceive of their being I should very much desire to be excused from the first half of the sessions, much as I should like to be present.

I trust the passage can be so arranged without inconvenience or loss that we can have at least three or four days in London for necessary purchases as well as sight-seeing to some slight extent.

Very sincerely,

Harry C. York.

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Jaffna College
Vaddukoddai, Ceylon
January 5, 1909.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
A.B.C.F.M.,
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass, U.S.A.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Just a line to remind you of a half-promise made by you that evening last Spring, when I met you for the first time in New Haven and arranged to come here;- I refer to house-keeping arrangements.

We have been here long enough now to feel fairly sure of ourselves, and both Mrs. York and myself are eager to do our own house-keeping as soon as we can make arrangements. Acting on your assurance we are sending for a stove and other goods and stores for the Spring shipment. We would have waited for definite authorization to make these purchases, but that would put off the time when we could begin our real home life another six or eight months; and so I felt sure you would appreciate the situation, and thoroly support our action.

I enjoy my teaching work very much, and we both think our five years stay will pass quickly. Mrs. York did not do any teaching this last term, but will begin this new year. I think the climate agrees with us, and I, at least, never felt better in my life.

I trust that our work proves satisfactory;

Very sincerely,
Harry C. York.

Rec'd AUG 5 1909

Jaffna College,
Vaddukoddai, Ceylon,
July 5th, 1909.

Dr. James L. Barton,
A.B.C.F.M., 14 Beacon st.,
Boston, Mass.,

My dear Dr Barton:-

The status quo of the union college movement is such that I feel constrained to offer my unsolicited opinion regarding the same, even tho I incur the risk which usually goes with such action,- namely, the risk of helping to defeat the object sought after. If you see fit, you may refer this letter to the Board of Trustees for Jaffna College for whatever it may be worth; if it adds nothing to the situation, kindly consign it to the waste basket. I am writing this only after much hesitation, and only when I see that Mr. Brown is being hard pressed and sorely tried in his efforts for union,; and this, as you doubtless know, from the Jaffna College side.

As you are aware, definite proposals of union have been made by the Wesleyan and the Church Mission Societies,- or as definite as the red tape of their organizations will at this stage of the negotiations allow,- each of the above societies to contribute at least Rs.15,000 and two teachers each (one European and one Tamil man), representing an aggregate endowment at existing local rates of interest of at least Rs.100,000, providing even that only single men are secured at the lowest scale of salary now being given, and with the almost certain probability that these figures are much too low. I reckon at 8%. Besides this, they assure us that if the matter of union is assured, they are bound to make an appeal to their home constituents which cannot fail to receive a hearty response; so that the starter of Rs.15,000 each in ready cash for immediate use is almost certain to be greatly augmented ultimately.

Now the Jaffna College Board of Directors has committed itself to the union scheme to the extent of voting to allow the other parties to the union a representation on the basis of investment. A meeting of the Alumni on Friday last passed a resolution endorsing the union movement. Editorial comments in the local papers are favorable to the project. A few recognize that the Catholics are rapidly forging ahead (There are now seven foreign instructors on their staff, I believe), that the Hindus are preparing to build up their schools on a firmer basis than ever before, and that the salvation of Protestantism in this region depends on the union of the Protestant forces. In short, the union principle is admitted on every side.

So far all appears favorable, but ------ there are many "buts" in

this problem. Almost every endorsement of union college has some "but" attached. Theoretically the thing is good, all admit, but--- not a thing of the past must be changed, and not a vested right infringed upon. The financial support which would come from the new parties to the alliance is good, but --- let it come in such a way that the C.M.S. and the W.M.S. may be weakened, and Jaffna College alone be strengthened.

These facts are coming daily to light in both private conversation and in public or official meetings. The J.C.Directorate has indeed voted to grant a representation to the Church Mission and the Wesleyan Mission, but it has done so with evident reluctance,- yes, most grudgingly. At first our Board of Directors committed themselves the more readily, inasmuch as they plainly (as it now appears) did not believe that the C.M.S. and the W.M.S. would accept the invitation. Now that these two bodies have responded so cordially, our Directors are trying to block progress by means of every pretext possible. They see that inevitably the unique power of the present Directorate would be largely modified if new official representation were to become a fact. This has now come out clearly in such utterances as "no missionary control whatever", "the peoples' college in spirit and in letter", "the A.M.S. furnished money and men, and did not want any representation; let this principle continue", and much more to the same effect. Of course, so far as the wording is concerned, every one of us would support these utterances. The missionaries do <u>not</u> want control, and they <u>do</u> want Jaffna College to be the peoples' college; but it is the very fact that such utterances are being voiced as reasons against the proposed union which proves that a very different content is being read into them by the element using them from what we mean by them, or at least that a different spirit lies underneath. The crux of the matter, I truly believe, is that they want nothing which savors of implied accountability to any outside organization; and the policy of our mission in the past has naturally fostered this feeling. (It is a perhaps not unnatural by-product of Congregational liberty in church policy when trying to form a graft with other types of church government.)

It is only fair to say that the above utterances are not quoted from the lips of any of our directors, but they as certainly represent the undercurrent in their minds. It is a natural enought feeling, of course, to wish to retain as large a share as possible in the control of a great institution like Jaffna College; but I certainly cannot feel that those who pose as public benefactors should allow such motives to dominate their actions. Yet this very feature appeared like staccato points at the Directors' meeting (part of which I heard) on Saturday evening last.

Another line of opposition comes from our Tamil teachers. While

granting the advantages of union, they fear for their own prestige unless union is to come in the form of a free gift to Jaffna College, the latter to remain in its present location at Vaddukoddai. They know that most of them will have to be left behind in a union scheme which contemplates a removal to another site, and each fears that he will be among the number left out. I fear that this is in part the secret of their bitter opposition to Mr.Brown's securing a really superior Tamil man to add to our staff, and their ultimatum that no new Tamil teacher shall ever take precedence of the present staff or receive higher pay. Their explain their attitude by saying that it would be unfair to themselves, who 'have borne the brunt of battle, and are the best teachers in the country'(!), to be superseded by some one less experienced, etc., etc. Perhaps they have actually convinced themselves that this is really so and that it forms the whole basis of their attitude, but --- the fact remains, and it is patent that they have been doing their level best to sway public opinion and certain of the directors in a direction less dangerous to their own social prestige as members of the Staff of the one Jaffna College.

Again, there is a strong feeling among some that Jaffna College is the glory of Jaffna Congregationalism, and that in a union the W.M.S. and the C.M.S. will simply reap the fruits of A.M.S. work. To be sure, they will in the same breath emphatically deny that Jaffna College is in any sense A.M. work, that it is wholly the peoples' college, etc.; but --- they fear it is going to become C.M.S. or Wesleyan in a union scheme. "Let us not barter our birthright to the missionaries for Rs.15,000 or Rs.30,000" was one cry I heard at the Alumni meeting Friday evening,- not our mission, but the other two being in mind. In this the speaker ignored the point of the money for the support of the four teachers proposed by the other bodies, as well as the fact that the representation asked for by them is not more than two each, while one of the two parties has said that probably a single official representative would satisfy their body. I think that the suspicion with which these missions are viewed has actually been largely fostered by the eagerness with which they embraced the union college scheme, once they got started. Many believe the other two colleges can't stand the competition with Jaffna College, that they are bound soon to drop out of the running, and that then everything will come to Jaffna College. They do not trust the other two when they assert that they sincerely wish to unite for the glory of Protestant Christianity, lest the Catholics and the Hindus forge ahead, but conclude that the other bodies are merely trying to bolster up their own waning strength in this way.

Then,- and here I believe we find the greatest unifying force

among the opposition,- there is the matter of sentiment. You will appreciate how very strong that is here. The glory of former days is ever in their eyes, and to them the present low condition of Jaffna College is wholly due to departures from the principles inaugurated by the founders of this institution. They think the college has run down because the younger missionaries and teachers have been so inferior to the earlier, and to no other cause. "But in any case the college has gone from bad to worse; and now the last vestige of the glory of the old Batticotta days is to be swept away, and only a high school left in its place. And not only so, but Jaffna College has more funds at its disposal than ever before. Surely this is sufficient guarantee that, if wisely administered, it ought to be more prosperous than ever before. Besides all this, it used to be easy enough to collect funds in America when more were needed, in the days of the former missionaries who were willing to make efforts in this direction; and the American donors were glad to turn this money over into the hands of the Tamils. This has always been the principle of the American Board, and this is what it should be now." The foregoing is no fiction, but the gist of much public and private speaking.

The picture would not be complete, however, without a sketch of the opposite side. There are many who do support the union movement,- on the Board of Directors, among our Alumni, and in the community at large,- altho rather timidly or passively for the most part, it must be confessed. Those who are acquainted with the character of the Jaffna College Constitution know that the Board of Directors does not represent the people, and I have heard many say privately that the character of the Directorate ought to be modified. Rarely one is bold enough to assert it publicly, as when one speaker at the recent Alumni meeting declared that the American Mission made a great blunder when it turned its funds over to the native Board of Directors without demanding representation and taking over a share of the control. Of course this speaker represented the other extreme, and incurred nothing but enmity for his boldness. It is just possible that the request for a nominal representation on the part of the C.M.S. and the W.M.S. in the union movement is in essence an implied rebuke that the A.M.S. was never offered (at least, I suppose it was not; this is a mere guess) an official representation for all past benefits. Were it not for this element to stay the hands of us who are longing for union college, the case would of course be hopeless.

But now why do I write you this? It is with a two-fold purpose; first, that you may better understand Mr.Brown's position and appreciate his need of support better than you might from his own words; and second, that you may be moved to put forward some authoritative statement which

will let the people here know how you feel on the subject. They appear to be unconvinced by Mr.Brown's statements that your views have somewhat modified in the last few years, and quote again and again some statement you made when here nine years ago. They appear to think the American Board of Trustees stand ready to back financially about any project the local Board of Directors may choose to pursue, and to build up Jaffna College on its present location at any cost if they but stand out for it. They seem to think there is untold wealth at home just waiting to be poured over here if we missionaries but say the word,- that is, will ask for it,- and it makes some positively angry if I intimate that I could not recommend the collection of more funds abroad to help to develop Jaffna College at Vaddukoddai, now that there is the opportunity for union with its much greater efficiency. They accuse me of sordidly thinking of dollars and cents,- rupees and cents, they call it,- at least by implication

Now I know that you are very reluctant to appear to bring any pressure to bear on the situation; but this is a really critical situation, believe me. A concise statement or a lengthy explanation as to your attitude to the points raised would be at this stage of inestimable value. If I am assuming too much in regard to your attitude to union college also, I want to know it, as well as your readiness to pour money into Jaffna College to raise it to the status of a first class college, as is being loudly demanded. I presume Mr.Brown has informed you as to what the latter involves, in the light of our present equipment and the new university requirements. I should like to know if the trust funds which you hold are so left that you can never or will never under any possibilities withhold them or any part of them. The Tamil men make this assertion, and if it is so I should like to know it; if it is not so, I think they ought to be enlightened. Personally I cannot quite reconcile the idea of its being held by another body of men than the local Directors with the claim that the local Board has an absolute right to use these trust funds as it may see fit without let or hindrance. I do not know that the Directors claim this, but there are those who do.

If there were nothing better left us than to develop Jaffna College right here, I should try to do my best in this direction, tho even then very reluctant to advise the investment of much more funds than just enough to put it in condition to run as a first rate high school, with only so much college work as could conveniently be carried as a side line; but with the present opportunity for developing a good union Protestant college at our doors, any other policy than that of a hearty acceptance of union appears to me to be the blindest folly, particularly in the light of the rising Catholic and Hindu forces to which I have already referred. To be

even complaisantly content with ten years as the minimum period in which to effect union, and not very sorry if it doesn't come at all, seems to me in the light of the present crisis to be little short of suicidal for the prestige of Protestantism in Jaffna.

In the meantime I confess I am becoming very much discouraged over the situation. The Directors have simply temporized, deferring action for further discussion in sub-committee. They did not want to meet again to consider the problem for some three months, offering as an excuse that there should be no hurry about a matter of so much moment. They were deaf to Mr.Brown's protests that this meant virtually a year's postponement, because of the time set for the official meeting of one of the other parties to the proposed union. Another consideration, however, finally induced them to set the next meeting once month hence, at which time I hope they will commit themselves to something really definite. It is exasperating in the extreme to be blandly told to go ahead and see if some satisfactory scheme can be devised, and then to have impassible barriers raised to everything proposed,- impassible, because in essence the objection resolves itself into the statement "The scheme doesn't suit our fancy in all its details".

Besides all this the resolutions endorsing union which have come from our Directors and Alumni have all been given with such reluctance, and further are of such a non-committal character, that I cannot but feel that the other parties,- who have, I think, made really generous proposals,- must feel rebuffed and sooner or later withdraw, if the present attitude on the part of our people be maintained.

I trust that what I have written does not seem to be too severe in its censure. I have not intended to injure the reputation of anyone, but merely to set forth a difficult situation.

I wish also to take this occasion to thank you most heartily for the promptness with which you forwarded the cablegram announcing the birth of our son.

We have named him Alan Clinton.

Both mother ~~and son~~ are strong and well, and Mrs.York may begin a little teaching once more very shortly.

(I am glad that Dr Yates has written his views so fully and carefully. The half has not been told)

Heartily yours,

E.G.B.

Harry C. York

P.S. I have, since writing the above, deemed it wise to allow Mr. Brown to read this communication and it has his endorsement. He had no part in the writing, however, & did not know about it until it was finished.

Miss Annie Young, M.D.
MacLeod Hospital
Ermiol Jaffna, Ceylon
Jan. 12 1900

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Dear Dr. Barton:-

Last week I received a letter from you containing certain instructions as regards my future conduct and a formidable blank to be filled out. I thought I'd gotten beyond the reach of blanks, this one or a similar one was never filled out by me so far as I remember.

Miss Root and I are started in Tamil; we are having lesson No. V in the first Tamil reader. We have not gotten beyond the point of being puzzled over the question of which of the 3 ns or Ls to use. They are all alike yet not alike. My ear requires a great deal of training and I stumble fearfully over the pronunciation, but the teacher says for my comfort, "They all do".

You ask for impressions of Ceylon. They are many but per-

haps you don't want them all.

The country itself is very pleasing. Jaffna is very level; I didn't believe a country could be so flat until I saw it; not a hill or the suggestion of one.

Everything is green now; to be sure we're told it is the rainy season, and that in the hot season everything becomes parched and brown! Roses are blooming in our garden and the ocean, when one is near it, is temptingly inviting. On New Years day Miss Root and I had our first dip, the saying, that what you do New Years day you'll do every day, has not come true, as we've not seen old ocean since.

Enough for sight seeing. The impression that heathendom is strong has been deepened. Let me say right here that God has wrought wonderful things. I have been rejoiced with the results I've seen of His wonderful Grace.

As I've been permitted to compare

those treated by natives first.
They come in in the later stages of disease suffering perhaps not only from the primary disease but from the effect of drugs. The native Drs. have no knowledge of medicine.

I've mentioned a few cases in my letter to Miss Leitch. which she will probably send you.

I can readily see the great necessity of getting the language. Without it one is like an unlighted candle in the dark.

Bye the way ladies in Jaffna do not wear hats in church (they never do). It is becoming a habit for me to remove mine. Sometimes I'm ungentlemanly enough not to remove it until I'm seated but it comes off sooner or later.

Miss Leitch gave me, I find, a very accurate account of the hospital. but I wasn't quite

prepared to see a whole family come with a patient or to find that they brought cooking utensils, lamp, food, fuel etc. and that all these essentials had to be kept in the room with the patient. One night I went down to a private room to see a very ill patient. There were in the room about 8 x 10 with her seven females, presumably relatives, two nurses and myself. One of the above mentioned females slept through it all.

When a patient becomes seriously ill and hope of life is growing weak, the relatives decide to take ~~the patient~~ her home. The going home may mean a jolt for many miles; it may be one or sixteen. It seems that the one chance of recovery is thereby thrown away. It means many years of education before these people will be brought to see that such a proceeding is unwise. We can't expect them to change in one generation. They are changing slowly but surely. Let us press forward and

the lives of heathen and christians, I am more and more impressed with the fact that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the World's great need. It is the only thing suited to all classes and conditions of men.

It seems that if I were an atheist and came in contact with what I have within the last six weeks I'd be forced into acknowledging that the life in Christ was a real thing, not a fancy, not the imagination of a disordered brain.

Much has been done for the advancement of civilization and Christ's kingdom but very much more remains to be done.

Temples and shrines are numerous; so are the worshippers.

Diseases are numerous so are the native doctors. Some of the most obstinate, hopeless cases, since my arrival, have been

and tell it out among the heathe
that Christ came to save them.
May we serve as willing watch
on the tower.
The men and women who a
the preaching service in the bunga
Sunday afternoons are very attent
and apparently interested.
Will you not remember especial
in your prayers the services tha
are being held in connection wi
the hospital work. We do wan
the work to be to His honor an
glory. with the one ambition of
advancing His Kingdom.
If any questions arise in your
in regard to the work please write a
ask. I shall be only to pleased
answer them, if I can.
With thanks to God for the privi
of being here, and trusting that
a very rich blessing may rest
on the A. B. C. F. M. I remain
Yours in Christ's service for Jap
Anne Young

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Jaffna Ceylon
May 8th 1900

Dear Dr. Barton.-

No doubt, you are expecting to hear from me in reply to your welcome letters. Thank you very much for your interest and promise to follow the work. You probably know that Dr. Curr is in India taking a much needed rest. Mrs Howland returned on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs Eddy. Miss Root opened the school.

Miss Keyt is still at Inuvil. She plans to take a vacation after Dr. Curr's return. This season is said to be the hottest since 1891. So far as I am able to judge I stood the heat very well. During Dr Curr's absence I had a good many out patients and a number of them have necessitated my being out in the middle of the day. That he'd be detained later than I expected. I always tried to be well protected. Frequently had a wet blanket over th' shandy and plantain leaves inside my hat (pith).

The season just closing has been one in which the people have been remarkably well. We have been most fortunate thus far in escaping the plague. I sincerely hope it won't come to us, and as for famine, I thank God that we see no starved faces. It seems to me, as if the faces of our school children were very round and plump.

It has been very interesting to me to see the children write on the ground just as Our Master did in the Temple.

The sheep and the goats are very much alike. So much so that I find it deffiaut to tell them apart sometimes.

We had some very hard cases on the out practice. It was my privilege to attend a Mohammedan woman a few weeks ago. She recovered. Her father during one of my visits manifested the most violent grief I ever saw. Probably it was the Mohammedan way of doing things, but I was fearful least his skull be fractured. I tried to get the patient into the hospital, but no. They are not willing yet to break away from custom.

We trust that the time will come soon or they will come to us willing. They will come.

I got into the most terrible home Saturday night. The patient was in a little bit of a place with the roof so low that I had to walk with my back ~~bent~~ straight as if I were two sides of a triangle - I could not work there, so the patient was moved into a building which there were about six or more great heaps of tobacco, with tobacco suspended from every available place. The odor can't be described. In response to my request that the patient be brought to hospital, they said, Oh! we don't like to - or it's against the law in Lamil.

We need a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst so that we the followers of Christ may be usable instruments - not castaways -

Will you not remember the work here daily, one especially. I feel as if I were unfit for so great a privilege. Please remember me to Dr. Daniels and Dr. Hoss.

I am yours in Christ's Service
Anne Young

MAY 8 - 1901

Inuvil, Jaffna April 2. 1901

Dear Dr. Barton!

It is with much pleasure that I look forward to your visit to Ceylon. There was a hope in my heart that Dr. Hoy would come with you.

We are having hot weather now, but in June it will, probably, be very pleasant. To-day I am at our out-dispensary Chavagacherry, and have just returned from a bazaar or market meeting. The audience was much interested and after the meeting we were asked for books. There have been a number of enquirers and we are praying that many may be convicted of sin. One of the odd things to me is that the people don't know their own need. When I think about it, I have not told you that every dispensary day at Chavagacherry we hold a meeting in the bazaar. Hundreds hear the gospel story in that way.

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We have been fortunate in having a consecrated Bible woman at work in Smirl village. She with her two year old child lived with our nurses. The child contracted fever from a patient and died. The Mother has been so brave and good.

The funeral was held early one morning before we started for the dispensary. When the coffin was placed on the bed beside the child the Mother tenderly lifted the body in her arms and offered such an earnest heartfelt prayer. After the prayer she placed it in its coffin, and sat down in quietness. The contrast to a heathen funeral was most marked. The heathen idea is make as much noise as possible. "The more the better; and they succeed. This funeral was peculiar because of its quietness." "Surely the love of Christ constrained"

Miss Rook writes that she enjoyed Kodai Kanal very much - She can't say enough for its beauty - Jaffna is so very flat a hill naturally seems grand.

My friend Dr. Slaughter has gone back to America by the way of China. The Drs. Scott appreciated her help very much. Her visit is a very pleasant memory to me.

May God bless His work and you in this proposed tour of the mission field.

Trusting that this letter will reach you before you sail for the "Far East" I remain

Yours in Christ's Service

Anne Young.

Dr. Annie Young

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JUN 19 1902

Chavagachery May 20. 1902

Dear Dr. Barton:

I was very glad to receive your letter of March 20th. A few days after your letter, one from Dr. Parker came asking if I'd be willing to substitute for her. I wrote and said that I would. Mr. Hastings wrote and told me that the Madura Mission had voted to ask the Ceylon Mission for me. They have not done so officially yet, which fact rather keeps me undecided about backing up. I have permission to go to Kodai and thought I'd just take my belongings to Madura the same time and not return to Jaffna.

My trip to Kodai did me such a world of good last year I'm going again. I've been having low fever for over two months and feel a little exhausted by it. This hot season has been most trying and I think my fever is just from

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the heat. I hope Kodaikanal's cool air will bring it down.

I hope to go up on the new railroad from Pamban. Dr. Parker sails June 1st.

Dr. Cum returned from Kodai looking much better for her trip. In regard to Ernville affairs, any reference made, I think, would only make matters worse. And if Sin not there things will run smoother I think. Dr. Cum says she must have someone to assist. She would like Miss Keyt back. Miss Keyt's coming would make the work very light.

Both the Codonville and Udupitty schools are open. Codonville has out low caste girl in. Two came up for examination but only one passed.

I came down to Chavagacheery today not for another bazaar meeting. I love the bazaar work, and find it very hard to give it up. If I return to Jaffna next year for Manipay I shall not be able to do it and in all probability this means the closing of a chapter and a short one.

One time during the early part of the year I was feeling a little blue about it one day. We had gone out nearly every week for about a year, and so far as I could see, with only meagre results. Just as I was retrospecting through my dark glasses the Master sent one of His servants who began to tell me the few changes visible to him. The people listen and receive the Gospel message much more kindly and with less opposition. There is a greater eagerness for leaflets, and tracts are bought. It was thought that if we charged for tracts none would buy, but they do. This same catechist said that before the bazaar work began he had great difficulty to get children to come to his Sunday schools, and he had to go out & beg them to come but now they come readily and because they have been to the bazaar and have heard the proclamation that Jesus came to save sinful men.

As we lay down this work we can only ask our Loving Father to grant that the seed sown may be watered by His Spirit and in due time to grant a fruitage. With best wishes to you and Mrs Barton I remain, Yours in His Service

Annie Young

Dr. Annie Young 396.
Manamadura Oct 7, 1902

Ans'd JAN 13 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:

You have heard through the minutes of the Sept. meeting that the mission unanimously voted to endorse a request for $1000.00 for the Woman's Hospital. The W. B. never equipped the Madura hospital properly.

I trust that your knowledge of the hospital will permit you to recommend the Woman's Board to grant it. This may seem like a very big sum to ask for but it will

only be a small part of what is required -
I'm just starting a ball rolling to collect funds locally.
To-day I came out to see Olive Hatton. She has broken her arm. It took so long to dress the arm, or rather to get things ready that I couldn't take the morning train back.
Mlle. Cronier is still in Madras. She went on to nurse Mrs Banninga after she was removed from the Nursing Home. Mlle. and Mr. Banninga have both had Dengue Fever - I fear that Mrs. B - will get it too.
The epidemic of Dengue -

is very severe in Madras at present.

Personally I'm very glad and thankful that Mrs Banninga has done so well. She has just been allowed to walk a little.

The outlook for her is not without clouds.

Her expenses are going to be very high, but it was such a desperate case we felt and do feel justified in taking the step we did.

The surgeon in Madras kept his instruments constantly ready for an emergency and I spent the most anxious weeks.

I received a short time ago a letter from Mrs Barton which I'll answer as soon as possible.

The rains are coming on - Everything is damp. It reminds one of Jaffna. Up to this point I rather liked the dry heat of Madura.

The medical work in Madura is a very big handful. Little time is available for evangelistic work - or Tamil study.

Trusting that the Woman's Board will grant - the much needed funds for instruments - and furniture, I remain,

With best wishes to you and Mrs Barton

Very sincerely

Anne Young

Miss Annie Young, M.D., 397

Madura So India.

Rec'd MAR 6 1903 Feb. 4, 1903

Ans'd MAR 13 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:

You have had, I know, full details about Jan. meeting.

I shall refer to the things especially connected with medical work.

The mission approved enlarging the Women's Hospital and voted to ask the Board to permit Dr. Parker to collect funds to about $5000. The question of enlarging was brought up by Mrs Noyes at Dr. Parker's request. I made up my mind that as a substitute I would do nothing without a mission vote

It was indeed surprising to see the enthusiasm shown in regard to it.
The Building Committee are ready for plans, and I'm trying to make my brain evolve a plan to cover all needs. My ideas are few and slow in coming.
To save time and paper I'll outline the plan that seems to me the better one. Dr. Parker objects to it in part. As she is so near Boston I'll let her write you about her plan or modification of one suggested by us.
If I remember rightly I've written before about it.
It consists in adding a veranda all around hospital, that will necessitate the front one coming to street front. The present

verandahs ~~at~~ except the front one on lowest floor will be included in hospital building, and the interior reconstructed to better advantage, if possible. With enlargement an operating room will be gained and the nurses can be brought into hospital and more patients can be accommodated besides very many other advantages.

Dr. Parker's objection to extending to street can be met, I think, by a high thickly woven iron fence between the pillars and so far as I see the hospital will be fully as secluded as now. I can't keep the ground clean. If it were under a foundation it certainly

would be more sanitary and what is left could be pared down so that it could be washed daily.

Mrs Banninga returned to Tirumangalam to-day. She has really made a wonderfully good recovery of course, there is still a shadow of danger.

The expenses connected with her illness have been heavy. I'm sorry they are so, but without any hesitation I can say I'm glad we took the steps we did to provide for an emergency that faced us constantly. If you care to you may ask any surgeon about the outlook in a case of ectopic gestation with rupture followed by repeated

hemorrhages. The mass resulting extended to umbilicus and into both sides of pelvis. There is of course a possibility of error in saying an ectopic gestation produced the hemorrhages. Only an operation would have made diagnosis positive.

We are all rejoiced to have Mrs Bennuiga so well again and from present indications she will be able to do good work.

Mlle. Cromier was taken ill the week before Christmas and at present is not able to work. She attempted to take

up her work last week but with the result that each day she had a heart attack and had to go back to bed. She seems very bright and cheerful to-day, in spite of the fact that yesterday, in response to her question about her complete recovery, I told her that so far as I knew she would never be able to do her regular work again. That probably she'd have ups and downs. Mrs Russell took her for mission meeting but Dr. Van Allen is afraid that Mrs Russell will be made ill by her Nelle's illness. We shall probably have her moved into Knowles to-

morrow, as that will be less strain on me and on the whole better than having her in the hospital.

Mrs Wallace has a fine boy over four weeks old. She has made a good recovery.

The Madura mission are asking Jaffna Mission to release me for work here. Their reply is not received.

The work here is very great. I believe it calls for two doctors as well as a trained nurse. As yet it is not developed to its fullest.

The Women's Board have sent no reply in regard to request for instruments and furniture

I hope that they will
consider it carefully
and grant it.

I trust that Dr
gone too fully into
detail, I also hope th
will never have anoth
missionary lady as
ill as Mrs Bannigan

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find her expenses a burden, at
the same time I hop
they will be assumed

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dreadfully discourage
with it.

With love to Mrs Ban
and kind regards to
yourself, I remain

Very sincerely
Annie Young.

Miss Annie Young. M.D. 398.

Rec'd APR 14 1903

Madura Mar. 17. 1903

Ans'd JUN 13 1903

Dr. James L. Barton.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Your letter was received about a month ago. Since receiving it I've been up to Cumbum seeking ideas in connection with the enlargement and improvement of the Women's Hospital here. Have picked up a few ideas which may be available if the hospital walls are strong enough to bear them. Am expecting a man to test them - the walls - We have just about

finished a good hospital house cleaning - The wood work has been thoroughly scrubbed and oiled and the white washing is nearly finished. The result is Sin financially a wreck. Am making efforts to collect fees. The people are not taking kindly to the idea of paying fees. Some have made very vicious opposition.

There has been - an out break of cholera in the Girls boarding school. The school is closed as a result. So far as we have heard there have been twelve cases with three deaths. We may hear of others yet. It was my first

experience with cholera. I felt very grateful to have Dr. Van Allen's rich experience to fall back on. He is always so very helpful.

You have heard, I presume, that the Madura Mission have requested the Jaffna Mission to permit my transfer to be permanent if the Board will consent.

The Jaffna Mission find it extremely hard to decide. Some members of the Jaffna Mission expect me back after the Kodai season as they only released me for one year. As I remember the correspondence read at the Sept meeting,

in one of your letters you said something to the effect that the Prudential Committee had transferred me to Madura during Dr. Parker's absence. In such a case I feel as if I cannot leave until Dr. Parker returns or this Prudential Committee reconsiders the vote.

I wish you would tell me what to do.

I feel sometimes as if I ought not to say anything about my preference.

My life at Madura has been a happy one. I have not been able give my full attention to medical work - My health has been good.

Miss Howland, Mr & Mrs Dickson and Mr and Mrs Brown have been here on their way to Kodai. They all spoke about my evident good health.

Dr. Parker in a letter just received says that she will send her plan for hospital improvement by next mail. I'm glad she is going to do so.

The weather is growing hotter and makes one long for Kodai. I hope to dig into Tamil this year on the hills.

Tamil comes hard and extremely slowly

sometimes I feel as if I ought to stop everything and get it. I find it makes a big difference with the confidence of the patients. I do want to get at the people. I feel with my poor Tamil that I'm only touching them with a forty rod pole.

In regard to my future field of labor I feel as if the question was one that needed much wisdom. I'm not clear in my own mind about it. The Lord will show His way in the right time I'm sure.

I'm waiting and praying.

Kindly give my love
to Mrs Barton.
With best wishes, I
remain
Yours in Christ's Service
Annie Young

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Rec'd AUG 27 1903

Madura July 27. 1903

Ans'd OCT 1 1903

Dear Dr. Barton

Your letter of June 15th has been received. I've planned to stay until Dr. Parker returns. As soon as she comes I step out. Before returning to Jaffna I hope to visit Dr. Campbell of the Cuddapah District (L. M. S.) to have my eyes examined. My glasses need to be changed. As long as I don't use my eyes much they give me little or no trouble, but a little use calls forth rebellion otherwise I'm in perfect health and happy.

There are so many things I want to do in this hospital that I find my hands quite itching for money — not useless things — but real necessities.

Mrs Herrick and Miss Root plan to sail from Bombay on the 15th of August. They will probably leave Madura on the

4th, next week.

It will be necessary for Mrs Herrick to see a gynaecologist as soon as she reaches Boston. As I know little or nothing about the Boston doctors shall have to ask you to recommend one.

Miss Root will be benefited by seeing a specialist on nose and throat. She gave her Dr. S. Coolidge's name. If you know of any one better kindly tell her.

The members of the mission are in fairly good health. Ruth Jeffrey has lost her rosy Rodai face and is having a time with boils. Henry Hatton has been having a little fever. Abbie Wallace has been having sore eyes again but they were better this morning and I hope last years experience will not be repeated.

Mr. & Mrs. Bannings are happy at Melur. Mrs Bannings is much better. She is such a brave woman.

I'm going to keep house in Knowles bungalow by myself. Dr. Parker in a recent letter to Miss Root spoke, or rather wrote, as if she preferred to live in the hospital. We've been so crowded in the hospital the last two weeks.

Mlle. Cromier has been down at Ramnad for two weeks. I took a case down there; the sister of the Rajah of Ramnad. The case has been a tedious one, and I'm not at all sure that she will recover. I was with her myself almost ten days immediately after my return from Kodai, and frequently run down now.

Kindly give my love to Mrs Barlow I often think of her. Tell her that Kodai was delightful this year.

With best wishes, I remain
In Christ's service for India
Anna Young.

Rec'd JAN 25 1904

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Rec'd JAN 23 1904

Inuvil, Jaffna, Ceylon
Dec 21. 1903

Ans'd MAR 25 1904

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Two letters have been received from you since my return to Jaffna Oct. 26th.

This last home mail brought your letter in regard to sending us a trained nurse. I've written to Dr. Cum about it and asked her to send ~~word~~ the letter around by next box for expression of opinion. Personally I'd be delighted to see a trained nurse at Inuvil, in fact in both our hospitals, but I think Inuvil the most needy. Mr. Hasting will probably write to you about the decision of the mission in regard to sending Miss Sarah Fraser to Jaffna.

I've always believed, and now more deeply than ever, that in all hospitals for women on the mission field there ought to be two women physicians and a trained foreign nurse, and with a careful planning of work a hospital thus manned should do ~~fifty~~ times the work done by a one handed hospital.

The day after my return to Jaffna Dr. Cure went to Udacadu. She and Mrs Brown are together there. Mrs Brown is decidedly better for which we are all very thankful.

My boxes are still unpacked in the bungalow at Manepay. Am looking forward to getting settled there with much pleasure although if Dr. Cure decides to go on furlough in April I'll soon have to pack up & move again. My personal opinion is that Dr. Cure won't go on furlough, although she has not said so. Everything has gone beautifully smooth since I've come back - not the least friction. Don't know how much distance has to do with it.

The hospital work has shown some visible fruits. An old woman, the mother of an in-patient, was converted and insisted upon being baptized before she left the hospital, but our Pastor thought it best for her to have it done in the church at her home village. There is a young girl in at present who wants to come out but her brother & sister objected. Her mother I heard to-day withdrew her objection and now there is only a sister in the way. Another case, with her mother and the father, all backsliders, have been re-

claimed for Christ. This last case was one in which the Moslems leveled every means to prevent a marriage between a christian girl and a heathen. The marriage took place with the result that the girl and her parents went back. But God in His wonderful mercy has seen fit to bring them back to Himself. The seed of Truth is being daily sown in the minds of our in-patients and we trust that He who giveth the increase will find the sown seed capable of sprouting and growing. If we sow only good seed God can and will bring forth a harvest in His own time.

We have had a Mr Lyall, a Scotch evangelist, a few days. His work resulted in a number coming out for Christ, and a number giving themselves up more fully to God.

Our American goods are in Ceylon, a few boxes ~~are~~ Jaffna ~~the~~ twenty three in Colombo damaged by water. The Jaffna steamer in which the cases were put caught fire and 23 cases were put on shore. They will get up here tomorrow but can't be cleared from the Custom before the 28th. on ac of Gov. holidays. The S.S. Co. demand a payment of Rs 750 00 before they deliver the cases. Most of us can't see why

With kind wishes to you and Mrs Bar

I remain

In Christ's service

Annie Young

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Rec'd APR 8 1904

Manippay Jaffna Ceylon
March 8, 1904

Ans'd APR 14 1904

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton.

Dr. Carr has written to you, I believe that I am on the sick list. Am feeling better to-day and hope soon to be up and about again. Was in Jaffna about six weeks when I had an attack of rheumatism which was very general and with it I had some cardiac discomfort. With vigorous treatment in a short time it had gone, and I seemed all right except for a low fever which seemed to hang on. The last week in Jan. another attack of rheumatism came on which involved about every joint in my body and my heart most decidedly. Well, I gave up work, and rested in bed for three weeks, then got up and walked a little. For three days I got up and moved about and

found that the heart was not acting just right. Then Dr. Cum ordered me to stay in bed until she gave me permission to get up. Am still in bed.

Mrs Hastings says I have no business to have an opinion about my self and if I have one it isn't worth much. In spite of Mrs Hastings beliefs I have an opinion about myself which is not without grave doubts. The outlook is not the brightest - One thing is imperative and that is that the recurring attacks of rheumatism be reduced to a minimum - an impossible thing in Jaffna. It was a very serious mistake on my part to return because I fully knew the great danger and should stated it. The workers are not so plentiful in the mission field that we get into each others way, and as I look at things now it is only right to avoid places where one knows conditions are such as to impair one's health. I do hope and pray that the permanent

injury to my heart may not be such as to make it impossible for me to continue my work on the mission field. My heart was not perfect when I came out, but the opinion expressed by a number of the bright-lights in the profession was that there was no reason why I should not live to be seventy.

The epidemic of fever which was so general in Jaffna is subsiding - During Nov and Dec. it was La grippe. but in January Malaria came to the front. There were a great many deaths - I was constantly on the look out for plague - I am convinced in my own mind that many died not from the disease but from its treatment - We have what I call a plague of mil doctors. The country is over run with men who have supplied themselves with some of our most deadly drugs such as phenacetine antifebrin, antipyrine etc. and use them without any knowledge what-ever about the effects except that they reduce temperature. It is possible that they don't know the

proper dose. I've been told that drugs are surely weighed by these men.
An interesting fact was brought to my notice a few days ago and that is that the Hindus are commenting on the fact that during this epidemic very very few christians died. This minute I don't know of one who died with the epidemic.
To-morrow the girls of the Industrial Girls' School are going to have a farewell meeting for Miss Howland. She is very much loved.
Dr. Cuttle goes to Kodai in two weeks and I'll probably go in May when she comes back.
With kind regards to you and Mrs Barton, I remain

Very sincerely
Anne Young

402.
Rec'd APR 18 1904

Ans'd MAY 4 1904

Mar. 18-1904

Dr. J. L. Barton
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Must write you this week just to say that I'm feeling much better. Have not walked any since my too hasty attempt three weeks ago. My rheumatism is somewhat better but always ready to display itself - Wish it would go. Am thinking now of going to India the last of the month with the party who are going to Kodai. If I do go will stay in Madura two weeks or a month to try and get rid of my rheumatism. You see Madura furnishes a dry heat which is recognized as a scientific treatment for this trouble. The question is whether it is safe for me to move so soon; on the other hand is it wise to keep on having rheumatism. I do hope I'm

not expecting Madura to do too much for me.

Well, I've seen one good result from my forced idleness. My previous experience with bazaar work has kindled a desire to have the gospel preached in every bazaar I see. After coming to Manipfay I had asked for volunteers for bazaar work. A meeting was planned but on account of illness we could not go; then I became ill. It seemed as if the work would never get started. I had prayed about it. Just about a week ago Mr. Curtis came in and told me that he felt a growing desire to go and preach in that bazaar. He said that he felt as if something were impelling him to go. Last Tuesday the first meeting was held by Mr. Curtis, Mr. Fitch and our blind hospital evangelist. Oh, it is so much better to have the Christian Church here take up this work. How wonderful are God's ways. He alone can move hearts to enter His harvest field. God help us to pray workers out into the field.

Dr. Burr is planning to go to Kodai and unless a suitable assistant can be found it is probable that Ismil Hospital will be closed for two months. I expected to go over but think it very unwise as it might very much impair my future usefulness.

Mr. Perkins and Miss Crosswell are to be married at Kodaikanal ~~last~~ next week. I should like very much to be at the wedding but can't.

Mr Brown is spending his vacation at Chavagacheri. I've not been down there since my return. How I loved that work. Find ~~that~~ I prefer evangelistic to medical work.

Kindly give my love to Mrs Barlow and with best wishes for yourself, I remain,

Very sincerely
Anna Young

Mainpuri, March 18th 1904

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Rec'd MAY 31 1904

Kodaikanal May 8rd 1904

ANS'D JUL 26 1904

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:

Your letter was forwarded to me from Jaffna, and received a few days ago. No doubt you are interested to hear about my health. Your letter did not find me fully restored to health but on the road. My heart condition made it necessary for me to keep my bed and as my rheumatism seemed to resist treatment in Jaffna I came over to Madura with the missionaries the last of March. The Dickesons, Bicknells and Dr. Curr came at the same time. The gentlemen were very good indeed and carried me on a chair. I stayed in Madura until April 20th and then started for Kodai. For four days I stayed at Shemiganoor which is lower than Kodai and came up here last week. Yesterday we had a consultation, or

walter there was a consultation. There were present in addition to our own Doctors Dr. Fells, Travancore, Drs. L. Scudder and Hart of Arcot. They recommend that I not return to Jaffna, but stay in this section of India. They say my first business is to get strong. I really am not very weak but of course shall be obliged to be careful about taking up my usual active life. The improvement in the condition of the heart has been very marked and it is hoped that it will again be as good as of old.

It certainly will make things much less complicated to have Dr. Curtis on the field. As she is here Dr. Scott I think can feel comfortable about staying at home until he is fully recovered. Dr. Scott trained Mr Curtis so thoroughly, that I know the hospital work is well done and the Gospel message preached with boldness by him. Since I came away Mr. Curtis' youngest child died.

Dr. Scott is very greatly missed by the people in Jaffna and I know that there will be great rejoicing when he returns. At the same time, he needs to get strong. The women ~~and~~ are the greatest sufferers. Dr. Curr and myself being away at the same time is very keenly felt by the people, and I feel sure that the medical mission work will be appreciated as it never was before.

I shall probably begin Tamil study soon. "A rolling stone gathers no moss"; ~~Sometimes~~ I think I'd like to gather a little moss. I trust that I've done a little good as I've been passing here and there.

I hope that it will be possible for me to be transferred to India. Dr. Parker is wondering where my salary will come from.

Am writing on Jaffna House verandah - the consultation yesterday resulted in permission to walk, which I've been doing.

Am sorry that so much time has been wasted when workers are so sorely needed -

With kindest regards to Mrs. Barton, I remain,
Yours truly in Christ's Service
Annie Young

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REC'D JUN 20 1904

Kodaikanal So India
May 24th 1904

ANS'D JUL 26 1904

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of April 14th received to-day. No doubt you have received Dr. Parker's letter, She wrote from Kodai after the consultation and of course could tell you about the expression of opinion as I could not.

Dr. Parker and I left Madura April 20th. Lin everso much better. Am walking about the house but do not attempt walks out doors. Mrs Samuel Howland's chair comes in very useful. Dr. Parker says that the altitude is as much extra work as my heart ought to have at present. I think that my heart has done very good work, and I hope it will keep on the good way until it is back to its usual condition, Still that is almost too much to expect. It will, I believe, last a good many

years yet.

The Jaffna mission, I believe, were to have a mission meeting to-day at which they were to consider my case.

It is most fortunate that Dr. Cum is remaining on the field. She seems to have good health, and I heard her remark that she might stay out ten years before going on furlough. She left Kodai to-day for Jaffna.

Little Ruth Jeffrey is very low. It has been wonderful how she has kept up. Dr. Van Allen doubtless has written about her case. I heard the report to-day that it is probably a case of tuberculosis. Mrs Jeffrey herself is none too well, but she has been wonderfully brave and cheerful through this long period of anxiety.

There is certainly enough work in India, in Madura Dist, for two doctors. Dr. Parker in speaking about what I might do seemed to emphasize the medical work. I'm willing to do anything - in fact I have a growing desire for evangelistic work. I would

like to slep in somewhere where no bodys feelings could be hurt.

May 25th.

Dr. Parker and Mr. Wallace have both been in to report that the Wallace family was enlarged by twins this morning. All doing well.

Am taking up Tamil study again - am not working as hard at it as I hope to a little later.

You know of course that I've been taken by the 1st Congregational Church of Newark, New Jersey and by the Congregational Church in Newport New Hampshire as their own "missionary". Both churches, I think, will be willing to have their support follow me. This fact if it is realized may not make it easier at your end, if another worker is to be sent to Smyrna. Robbing Peter to pay Paul doesn't help much from the standpoint of the one who pays.

Trusting that I may continue to be able to report improvement, I remain

With best wishes

Yours in Christ's service

Anne Young

P.S. Kindly give my love to Mrs Barton

Pasumalai So. India
Sept 20. 1904

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:

My cablegram will explain the decision of the doctors. It is needless for me to say that I regret very much the necessity of coming home before my furlough is due. It is one of the hardest experiences of my life. I don't understand it, but I know that God does.

I plan to sail from Madras Oct 10th with Dr. and Mrs Wm. Chamberlain and Alma of the Arcot mission. The plan is to transship at Genoa to a North German Lloyd boat which leaves Nov. 3rd arriving in New York about Nov. 15th.

I've been thinking about the needs of Jaffna, and have thought of Dr. Emma Cleaver as being eminently suitable for

the work, if she will consider it.

address. Dr. Emma O. Cleaver
531 Elm St. Reading, Pa.

Dr. Cleaver has had a course in nursing at Johns Hopkins and I believe would do excellent work.

Dr. Caroline Purnell
132 So. 18th St. Philadelphia, Pa

may be able to suggest recent-graduates in medicine who would be available.

I sincerely hope that some one may be found soon. Am sorry I've utterly failed.

With love to Mrs Barton, I remain,
Very sincerely
Annie Young

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The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

REC'D NOV 21 1904

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ANS'D NOV 23 1904

New York Nov. 19. 1904

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of greeting has just been received. Thank you very much for it.

My plan at present is to go on to Phila. today. Next week I'll see the doctors and have myself generally gone over. Am to be present at a missionary meeting at Marion Pa. Friday the 25th. On Saturday the 26th will come to Newark N.J. The Newark church will expect me to stay some days at least with them. Probably I'll be in Boston about Dec. 1st.

The voyage was delightful with the exception of a heavy storm last Monday.

Trusting to see you in a short time I remain, with kind regards to yourself and Mrs Barton

Very sincerely
Annie Young

P.S.

Address
Care Women's Foreign Missionary Society
the Presbyterian Church
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia.

Dr. Annie Stanford
Near Yardley
Mar. 19, 1904

Harris Cottage
Clifton Springs N.Y.
Jan. 20. 1905

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REC'D JAN 27 1905
ANS'D JAN 27 1905

Dr. J. L. Barton
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Will you kindly send, either here or to the Sanitarium, a statement that I am an A. B. C. F. M. missionary and thus entitled to take advantage of the Sanitarium's offer to treat missionaries free of charge.

I'm boarding at

Harris Cottage, two blocks from the Sanitarium. The weather hasn't been fine since my arrival, but on the whole I enjoy storms so long as I'm warm. The house is just as warm as one could wish it, and I think I'm going to have a delightful rest. Please remember me to Mrs Barton. At the service at Newark on Sunday I managed to use

a lot of time.
Am thankful that
talk is a thing of
the past; I don't have
to look forward to
it with dread.
I trust, too, that some
good will come from
it that the cause
of mission will gain
both prayer and
money.
What is the latest
report from Miss Cassell's?
The more I think about
her, the more did
like to see her go.
Trusting to hear from
you by the earliest
mail, I remain

Miss Annie Young

Clifton Springs, N. Y. Jan. 25/05

Clifton Springs N.Y.
March 2. 1905

REC'D MAR 3 1905

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Ans'd MAR 6 1905

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter received this morning in regard to the room at the Sanitarium. Certainly let Mrs Hastings have it. My plan is to go to Phila. March 28th so it would hardly be worth while to move in.

If Mr. Hastings comes and wishes to room with Mrs Hastings it would be

cheaper for them outside.
I judge from Mr. Hastings
letter that she needs a
special diet and that
of course could be carried
out better if she were in
the Sanitarium.
May I ask now if I may
occupy the Board room
in the Sanitarium the
six weeks beginning a
few days after the close
of the Convention for Christian
Workers at Northfield in
August. I can't give a
date as I don't know when
the convention is to be, neither

am I sure of going but
I hope to go if a way
seems plain.
Please give my love to
Mrs Barton and write
kindest regards, Remain
Very sincerely
Anne Young

Anne Young.
Bryn Athyn Pa. Aug 1 '95.

Dr. Amy Young
Clifton Springs N.Y.
March 13. 1905

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Rec'd MAR 15 1905

Ans'd MAR 16 1905

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Have you promised the Board room? If not, may I have it?

Unfortunately my rheumatism has returned. Think I took cold probably in going to my room after hot baths.

Dr. Thayer has been up to see me to day and thinks it would be much better for me to be in the Sanitarium if possible. If I can have the room it will make it possible to

take a course of treatment that is considered one of the best, and which I can't take with safety to myself if I'm outside.

Have given up the idea of taking my post-graduate work in April.

Am very sorry to ask for the room at this time as I fear you have promised it.

Dr. Mary Scott is here for two weeks. I'm very glad indeed to have her. She came for a little rest.

Please give my

love to Mrs Barlow.
Hoping to hear from
you at your earliest
convenience, I remain
Very sincerely
Annie Young

Dr. Angie Young 41

Clifton Springs N.Y.
March 24. 1905

Rec'd MAR 25 1905
Ans'd MAR 27 1905

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter received last Saturday evening. It came too late for me to pack and move then but I moved down to the Sanitarium Monday morning. When I went I told Mrs Scott that I felt that she was in more need of the room than I was. Miss Meaner came down just after dinner

and told me that Mrs Scott seemed much worse.
Dr. Judson Smith was here so with his consent I was able to transfer the room to Mrs Scott and I returned to my outside room.
Mrs Scott is using the Sanitarium room. in the meantime I have stopped all treatment for myself and spend as much time as possible with her. She has been a great sufferer for the last week. To-morrow there is to be another consultation which will, I hope, result in a definite

diagnosis.

My attack of rheumatism yielded very readily to medicine. It kept me in bed just about a week and so far as I know did not involve the heart.

When it is possible for me to go into the Sanitarium I'll begin the brine bath treatment which is especially helpful to hearts such as mine. The course is graded for six weeks.

It is a disappointment to give up my work in Philadelphia until a later date.

If the doctors come to any definite conclusion about Mrs Scott to-morrow I'll write and let you know. Dr. Malcolm, her physician is very much disturbed about her. Please excuse blot on first page. This is the only scrap of writing paper that I have in my room as my trunk rests at the annex.

With love to Mrs Barlow I remain,

Yours sincerely
Annie Young

Annie Young. 411.
Clifton Springs N.Y.
March 24. 1905

Rec'd APR 1 1905

Dear Dr. Scott:

Mrs Scott asks me to write and say that her eyes have been so much disturbed by medicine that she can't write herself. The pain still continues much to our distress. The doctors are to examine again to morrow.

Your letter just came and she is glad that you are getting on so well at home. She asks me

to say "don't postpone passage until you hear result of to morrow's examination.

Dr. Malcolm has probably written you full particulars. Mrs Scott has asked the Chaplain to come in and see. She wants him to pray that she may have more patience. The pain has been very severe. Sleep is almost impossible.

I feel so helpless; not able to relieve her in any way. She say. the

hot water bottle is her
best friend.
Mrs Scott sends love.
I wish I could do
more for Ds. Mary.
With best regards,
I remain,
Very sincerely
Annie Young

Annie Young
Toronto Ont.
March 30 1905

Ans'd MAR 5 1905

Dear Dr. Barton! -
Your letter received on Tuesday but I was so busy with Mrs Scott besides being very tired that I didn't get it answered sooner. I brought her as far as Toronto on her way home to Kingston. We left Clifton Spring Wednesday morning on the 5.35 train and she was due at home at

7-38 in the evening
I saw her comfortably
placed in the train
here and hope she
was able to complete
the journey without
severe discomfort.
She has been a puzzle
to the doctors. At first
we thought that possibly
there was a surgical
aspect to the case.
There is, but it doesn't
account for her severe
pain, rapid loss of
flesh and complete
loss of appetite. She
has had no fever.
The doctors at Clifton

have come to believe
that it is a nervous
break down. She
has a bowel trouble
which may be either
acute or chronic. Time
will tell which.
This is certain, Mrs
Scott will not be
able to sail April 15th.
Dr. Malcolm's letter
will probably convey
the same opinion.
She seemed perfectly
well when she arrived
in Bluffton, I never
saw her so fleshy.
Her suffering has been
very severe. I spent
all my spare time with
her so have an idea

as to its severity.
As to the outlook in
the case, I don't feel
like expressing an
opinion - Repeated
attacks like the present
would unfit them
for work -
It is my plan to return
to Clifton to-morrow.
To day I spent eight
seeing here.
Next week some time
I'll begin my course
of treatment for my
heart. Although I've
been getting very tired
with Mrs Scott a good
sleep always puts me
up which is very en-
-couraging -
Very sincerely
Anna [illegible]

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Rec'd MAY 3 1905

The Sanitarium
Clifton Springs.
NEW YORK

May 2nd, 1905

Ans'd MAY 4 1905

Dr. J. L. Barton:
14 Beacon St. Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:-
Dr. Malcolm says that I need eight more baths to complete the course of Nauheim baths and that will bring the time up to May 22nd. Will it be possible for me to occupy the room until that date? If I do so it will be longer than six weeks.

The church in Newark N. J. have asked me to come down there and visit them again. I've written to them saying that I could come after my course of treatment here was finished. It will fit in very nicely for me to go there the last week of May and come back here for the Missionary Conference June 7-13th on my way to Michigan, where I hope to spend the summer. I wish you would tell me the proper thing to do in

case anyone should be moved to offer me money for any special object or for my work on the field. No one has been moved to the extent of opening his purse strings, but I hope to be able to make people wish to do more. My own belief is that the village schools of Jaffna could well stand help. I should like to be prepared for emergencies.

We not been able to get any word from the Scotts for about three weeks. What do you hear?

Please remember me to
Mrs Barlow, and with
kind regards, I remain,

Very sincerely
Annie Young

Miss Annie Young
Colfax Springs, Y. Co.

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Rec'd MAY 17 1905

The Sanitarium
Clifton Springs.
·NEW YORK·

May 16. 1905

Ans'd MAY 17 1905

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of May 4th received. The Church in Newark N. J. have written and asked me to come there again for a week or ten days. My plan is to leave here the morning of the 23rd and spend a week in Newark. They are making arrangements for some talks on missions. From Newark I expect to go to

Philadelphia for a few days to have my eyes attended to and to see a friend. Then I hope to come back to Clifton Springs for the Missionary Conference and then on to Michigan.

I've given two missionary addresses recently and possibly may go to Ithaca on Friday for another.

The Nauheim baths have done me a great deal of good and I'm very thankful that I have had them.

It will certainly be hard on Jaffna to have Mr + Mrs Bicknell and Mr. Ward leave. It is a surprise to me to hear that Mrs Bicknell needs to come home. So the decision

Dr. Curris or that of the Kodaiki doctors?

Miss Bookwalter (3) I hope will give her consent to Mr. Ward's staying another year.

Thank you very much for letting me stay in the Board room so long. It is beautiful here.

With kind regards to Mrs Barton and yourself, I remain,

Very sincerely

Annie Young

Dr. Annie Young

Clifton Springs, N. Y. May 16-05.

Lank Home
Oberlin, Ohio
June 28. 1905

REC'D JUN 27 1905

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ANS'D JUN 28 1905

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St., Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:

There is an unanswered letter of yours in my trunk in the station.

I've just seen by the July number of the Missionary Herald that a Mr. Fritts is appointed to Ceylon. That means Jaffna College, I judge.

Dr. Sanders, I believe wrote and told you about Mrs Hazen's illness. It is a case of typhoid. She was doing remarkably well when I came away. If there was anything that I could do over

for her I should have
stayed at Clifton longe
but everything that could
be done was done by
Dr. Sanders and the nurse
and I seemed nothing
more than a fifth wheel
Saturday, I think must
have been her fifteenth d
of fever. There were no
complications then, and
if she continues to do a
well I see no reason
why she should not
recover. I must confess
that at the first I was
very doubtful about her
heart, but she has done
splendidly up to the time
I left.

Please do not announce
that Mrs Hazen has typhoid
because it may keep gue
from going there. There is no

the least danger to guests so far as I can see and besides I don't want to be the one to injure the Sanitarium financially.

I came on to Oberlin Saturday and stopped over to see the Jones' family I should like very much to have the Missionary Herald sent to me to Carson City Michigan.

Who is the proper person to write to in regard to having mail forwarded to new address?

Should like my mail forwarded to me
c/o Mr. Wm. Renton
Garrett, ~~Ind~~ until July 10th after that date to Carson City, Michigan.

The International Missionary Union Conference was very helpful, am very glad I was able to attend.

With love to Mrs Barton, I remain,

Very sincerely
Annie Young

C'd OCT 5 1905

328 So. 17th St. 416.
Philadelphia Pa.
Oct. 4 1905

Ans'd OCT 17 1905

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:.

Last week I came to Philadelphia and have located at the above address for the winter. Oct. 2nd I started in on a three months eye course at the Polyclinic Hospital. All my time is devoted to it with the exception of a little that I am devoting to getting myself better

prepared in music for my work when I return to the mission field. If I ever get into evangelistic work again will need it.

After I've had my three months in eye, hope to take up ear nose and throat. It is not my purpose to drop the eye work entirely after three months but the lectures and laboratory work I will have finished and during that time I can take the other work.

My summer has done me much good, and I trust that during the winter I'll gain.

I was indeed sorry that I couldn't get to New York to say "God speed" to the returning missionaries and to the two new ones.

I'm very glad to hear that Miss Caswell is to marry Rob. Hume. I'm afraid that I've never felt comfortable about having her associated with Dr. Curr; for it might be all right, and it might not.

The weather has been very warm here; very unusual for Oct. every body says.

The Professors are giving me splendid opportunities for eye-work. I've got an invitation to the Jefferson Medical any time and Dr. Oliver of the Wills Eye Hospital was most kind in offering assistance.

Please give my love to Mrs Barton, and with best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely

Annie Young

Annie Young
Philadelphia - Pa. Feb. 11-1905.

328 So. 17th St.
Philadelphia Pa.
Nov. 3rd, 1905

Rec'd NOV -6 1905
Ans'd NOV 13 1905

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Your letter of Oct. 19th was received. Purposely the answer was delayed until I had seen Dr. Henry.

This week I saw him and he is most encouraging. He said that my heart was without doubt better than it was in June and, as I knew how to take care of myself, need not

on account of its condition, necessarily shorten life.

Of course, the fact must be remembered that to do the best work my work ought to be, as far as possible, routine. That I think, will be gained by special work.

I do want to return to the field.

My work here is devoted to eye - later I hope to add to the study of the eye, ear nose and throat.

The subject is a big one

and needs years of study. In view of this fact I'd like to have at least one year for it.

Dr. Thayer, of Clifton, has some ideas which I think he would express if he were asked.

If you approve, I think it might be well for me to have something definite in view and then work to secure some money for an outfit.

There is in my mind's eye an eye ward somewhere, and there are people in it

with bandaged eyes, sore eyes, eyes that can't read, such eyes are glad to listen. A wonderful opportunity to tell the story of Christ.

I want to be there, but with eyes that can see, and ~~bears~~ ears that can hear and a tongue that can speak.

With love to Mrs Barton and kindest regards to yourself, I remain

Very sincerely
Anne Young

Anne Young
Hillsboro, O. Jan. 3-1905.

Rec'd NOV 13 1905

328 So 17th St
Philadelphia Pa
Nov. 11th 1905

Ans'd NOV 13 1905

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I've been thinking about work in India and it has just struck me that in all probability, if I do special work in eye, ear, nose and throat, that I'll have more men than women for patients. If such is the possibility, why should I be passed over to the Woman's Board? I'm satisfied with the Men's Board.

Just thought that I'd pass the idea along.

With love to Mrs Barton, Germain, with kind regards.

Annie Young

Germain Library
Cambridge, Mass. Jan 11 1902

157 No. 20 Rec'd NOV 27 1905. 419.
Philadelphia Pa.
Nov. 23rd, 1905

Dr. J. L. Barton Ans'd DEC 4 1905
14 Beacon St. Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of Nov. 13th has been received. The outlook is certainly anything but bright.

Someway, I can't believe that the Congregational Church in the United States is going to fail to do its duty to such an extent.

I sincerely hope that the Prudential Committee have not

voted to call in missionaries from the field. Surely if the churches knew the condition they would rally round the Board and not let it take backward steps.

For myself, I am seeking a hospital appointment with a salary attached. Before your letter came, I had paid my tuition up to Jan. at the Polyclinic. I hope to finish that course.

Now, I am not going to send in a resignation at present, because I believe that the Lord has work for me on the foreign field, but I do not expect

to be a financial burden to the Board.

When the time comes that you see the way clear to send me back to this field, I'll be ready to go, I trust. Such a very large degree of restored health was not given for work in America.

Can't the churches be aroused somehow?

Trusting to hear that the outlook is brighter, I remain,

Very sincerely

Annie Young

P.S. Please notice my change of address.

Annie Young

Philadelphia - Pa. Nov. 28 - 1905.

Form 45. 1905—10,000

Rec'd DEC 15 1905 420.

Ans'd JAN 2 1906

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TELEPHONE CONNECTION

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14, 1905

Dr. J. L. Barton,
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of Dec. 5th has been received, also the one in regard to Mr. Speer's letter. I've not yet heard from Mr. Speer in regard to the work.

In regard to my finding a position in this country whereby I may be self supporting is what I've been looking for, and in the event that I do not go out under the Presbyterian Board is what I hope to do.

My tuition at the Polyclinic Hospital was paid to Jan. 3rd before I received your letter of Nov. 13th. so I considered that the best thing to do was to keep right on with my studies there. I might as well say that if I had anticipated that the churches would fail to support the Board in its need I would not have paid for tuition $74.50.

In my previous letter, I think I wrote, or at least meant to do so, that I would not be

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PHILADELPHIA,

a financial burden to the Board.

You may consider me as not depending on the Treasury of the Board for an allowance.

My intention was to draw no allowance after Nov. 17th but Mr. Wiggins says his books show that I've gone beyond that date.

Kindly keep my address so that any mail that comes may be forwarded.

With love to Mrs Barlow and kind regards to yourself, I remain,

Very sincerely
Annie Young

157 No. 20th St.
Philadelphia Pa.

Rec'd MAR 5 1906 421

157 No. 20th St.
Philadelphia Pa.
March. 2nd 1906

Rec'd MAR 7 1906

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of Jan. 4th was received and has remained unanswered until now because all my correspondence is behind. During the Christmas holidays I went on to New York, saw Mr. Speer of the Presbyterian Board and was examined by the Board's Examiner. The Dr's opinion was expressed as being not in favor of my going immediately but to rest here six or nine months more and then come up for

another examination. He seemed to think my anaemia needed to be over-come.

Just a week after my return to Philadelphia I fell suddenly ill with what proved to be blood poisoning. For three weeks I was very ill but am about as well as ever again.

I was in the hospital about a month and had the best of care.

The doctors are delighted with the way my heart acted during my illness. One of them said that it was wonderful how it stood up under such an "awful infection".

My studies have been

broken into bad health
to resume work next week
and keep at it until such
time as I get some kind
of a position. Of course,
I don't want to make
any long contract but
think perhaps I can
substitute.

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present my resignation to
the Board yet, because
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do more work on the foreign
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that my work there is finished.

With love to Mrs Barton
and kind regards to yourself,
I remain, Very sincerely
Annie Young

Rec'd MAR 21 1906 422.
Ans'd FEB 21 1906

1507 No. 20th St.
Philadelphia Pa.
March 19. 1906

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of March 7th is received.

It was a big disappointment not to be at the Nashville's convention. Three of the men, from the Hospice where I am, were there as delegates and we have just had the pleasure, this evening, of listening to their reports.

To-day I resumed my work at the polyclinic. Have three weeks more work to do

the meeting at the Central Congregational Church and met Dr. Patton and Mr. Jumbro. I sincerely hope that the meetings have caused more interest in Foreign Missions.

Yes, I hope to get back on the field somewhere sometime and am carrying on my studies with that end in view. I don't see how now, but the Master in His own good time will make the way plain.

Please give my love to Mrs Barton.

Yours very sincerely

Anne Young

these.

My efforts thus far, to secure a position with a salary attached, have been fruitless but I hope I can find what I need soon.

A position that I was hopeful of getting I find was secured by Dr. Julia Bissell. She had the position before and had to give it up on account of ill health. So far as I've been able to find out her health is not good.

If there is anything that you can do for me, I'll certainly let you know. Possibly I'll use your name as a reference, if references are required in connection with securing a position.

Last week I attended

Rec'd MAY 7 1906

423.

157 No. 20th St.
Philadelphia Pa.
May 5, 1906

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of March 21st has been received. My post-graduate work at the Polyclinic was finished April 7th. Just at present I am working every afternoon at the Wills Eye Hospital - of course the combination for that work is experience.

There was an appointment in a maternity hospital that I intended to try for, the Chairman of the committee and also one of the other members told me that the examination for the appointment

was scheduled for the second week in May. Yesterday I wrote for date etc. and received word that the examination had been held. I was disappointed, but believe that the Lord didn't want me there. That appointment would require me to bind myself for at least six months.

I was very sorry indeed to hear of Mrs Smith's death. I hope that Dr. Smith is well again.

Kindly send the inclosed envelope to Mr Wiggin and oblige.

My health has been excellent the last few weeks. I always feel better with the weather warm enough to allow windows the

open

With love to Mrs Barton and kind regards to yourself, I remain,

Very sincerely
Annie Young

250 W. 88th St. 424.

Rec'd JUN 13 1906

New York City

June 12. 1906

Ans'd JUN 13 1906

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:-

For a week I've been visiting a friend here and have been attending too the conference of missionaries at the Presbyterian Board Rooms. Mr. Speer asked me to see Dr. Bovaird which I did this morning. He, Dr. Bovaird, says he sees no reason why I should not return to India in the

Mrs Barton and [illegible] regards
to yourself Remain

Very sincerely
Annie Young

fall.?
Miss Delano the lady who supports the Dr. at the Allahabad Hospital has to be consulted and if she approves of me probably I'll return in the fall.

My health is really very good, for which I'm profoundly thankful.

My summer will be spent in a way to best prepare me for the autumn.

My Phila. address will be 1507 No 20th St. until further notice.

Please give my love to

Mr. Rustin and with kindest regards

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Rec'd JUL 2 1906 425.

ANSWERED JUL 6 1906 G. H. PATTON.

157 No. 20th St.
Philadelphia, Pa.
June 30th, 1906

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

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Will you kindly have my papers sent to Mr. Eugene Delano
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I'll be very glad if they can be sent as soon as possible as Mrs Delano goes away in a short time.

Yours very sincerely
Annie Young

Annie Young - Gen.
Philadelphia Co. June 30-1901.

Annie Young

Rec'd AUG 14 1906 426

CAMP DIAMOND
DIAMOND POND
VIA COLEBROOK, N. H.

Aug. 10. 1906

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St. Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of June 13th was received and should have been acknowledged sooner, but I couldn't decide if it were better to make any comments on the letter or let it go without a comment. The latter is the plan I've decided to follow.

I'm looking forward to going to No. India in the fall.

Am expecting to be in Boston a short time in Sept. so will come to see you.

What is the latest news about

the revival at Pasumalai?
There is a returned missionary here who has seen much of the revival in India and she says it is wonderful and without a doubt the Lord's doings.
My health is very good and I'm looking forward with much pleasure to again working in India.
When does Dr. Curr return to Jaffna?
We just had notice of the death of nurse Eliza.
This is a beautiful restful place. We have all been saddened by the news that Mr. Speer lost his little girl. She was sick a number of weeks.
I was indeed sorry to hear of Dr. Smith's death. It came so soon after his wife's going.
With love to Mrs Barton, I remain
Very sincerely
Anne Young